



(Twelve thousand drachms...)

INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

KATERI: "And they found under the coats of the slain some of the donaries of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbiddeth to the Jews... And so betaking themselves to prayers, they besought him, that the sin which had been so committed might be forgotten... And making a gathering, he (Judas Machabee) sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the souls of the dead..." (2 Machabees, xii, 40.)

CLIENT I must admit that with the exception of the death of someone dear to me and during

November, the month of the Holy Souls, I don't pray much for them.

KATERI: Charity is measured by the need to which it responds. No need is more pressing than that of the souls in purgatory. It exists all year round. They cannot help themselves. Your prayers for them are more pleasing to God than prayers for the living.

CLIENT: What is the best way to help them?

KATERI: The Sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Communion come first. The Holy Year Indulgence may be applied to the Holy Souls and, until the end of December, may be gained as often as the Jubilee conditions are fulfilled. The recitation of the Rosary and the Seven Penitential Psalms help greatly. And alms cover a multitude of sins — even those of our beloved departed in purgatory.

CLIENT: Dear Kateri, teach me never to forget the Faithful Departed in my prayers — and don't forget me when my turn comes!..

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A SPARK AMONG REEDS

Have you written in to Ottawa (or Washington) requesting that your country send an Ambassador to the Vatican? Mr. James G. McDonald, former American Ambassador to Israel, recently remarked that "while Myron Taylor did a fine job as personal representative of the President" at the Vatican, he "would have done a better job if he had been an Ambassador." *Kateri* respectfully invites all the members of the Tekakwitha Guild, the Third Orders, the Sodalties, the Legion of Mary, the K. of C., the Daughters of Isabella, the Catholic Women's League, etc., etc., to throw the spark of their letters Ottawa-wise and Washington-wise... Send in the answers you receive to *Kateri*.

CALENDAR TIDBITS



Rev. E. Lalonde, S.J.

May 24, 1951. — His Excellency Mr. Stanley Woodward, Ambassador of the United States to Canada, accompanied by Mrs. Woodward and Mr. Marius Barbeau, R.A., visited the Mission church and the old Jesuit Residence.

June 20. — One of our Indian boys, Thomas Lazare, graduated from Catholic High in Montreal, coming out fourth in a class of 35. For the last two years, Tom has been acting as part-time secretary of the Vice-Postulator.

July 1st. — Rev. Emile Lalonde, S.J., ordained three days ago, sang his first High Mass at Mission Saint-François-Xavier. He is the 4th of the family to be ordained priest. Rev. Réal Lalonde,

S.J., (see pages 5 and 6), received Holy Orders in 1934; ; his brothers, Rev. Armand Lalonde, S.J., in 1937; Rev. Henri Lalonde, S.J., in 1939. Among the many relatives present, was a sister of his, a Presentation nun, who traveled back from France for the occasion. Along with his departed parents, another sister, member of the same community, who died in 1920 after contracting the flu at the bedside of patient she was nursing, must have been present at this important day of her brother's life. Fr. Armand Lalonde, also, who was executed in China on March 18, 1943, by order of a Japanese Commander, for his able defense of Catholic Schools. "There were thirteen children in our family," said the newly ordained Jesuit, "but thirteen has never been an unlucky number for us!" *Ad multos annos!*

July 31. — Rev. Fr. George Brodeur, S.J., of Mission Saint-François-Régis has been named Superior at Caughnawaga; Rev. Fr. Réal Lalonde, S.J., is to replace him as Superior at Saint-Régis.

Aug. 15. — The painting of Kateri by Madam Andrée Soboscka de Groot (see *Kateri*, Vol. 1, June 1949), safely arrived from Rome where it had been shown at the Vatican during the Holy Year.



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