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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA GUILD

The sodalists of the Blessed Virgin of Caughnawaga, Quebec, who are descendants of the earliest Christian Indians in Canada and New York State, have formed themselves into a Guild to spread devotion to Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Our quarterly bulletin KATERI, intends, above all, to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her and to record the favors both temporal and spiritual you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped that the Cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

A one year subscription to KATERI (\$1.00) will enroll you as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year to share in the daily memento of the V.-Postulator's mass and in a special mass offered each week for your intentions in the old Mission Church of St-François-Xavier.

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# At Last!... the Kateri Monument!

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THE last week of January, a cablegram containing an order for the long expected statue of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, was sent to the sculptor, Emile Brunet. A Canadian who owns a studio in Paris, he spends the winter months there, and comes back to pass the spring and summer in his native land. When he returns to Canada, he brings with him, each year, the fruits of his winter's work. Last June, he arrived with a heroic sized statue of Laurier, which was erected in Montreal next to the Windsor Hotel. Mr. Brunet also works for the Basilica of St. Anne. Next summer he will take home with him the statue of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha which, thanks to your donations, dear friends, will be erected in her own parish: Mission Saint-François-Xavier, Caughnawaga, Quebec.

This bronze monument to Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha will be six feet high; she will be represented with her eyes open, her crucifix in her right hand, her rosary in her left. She will symbolize the interior life, the love of Mary and of Our Lord that was hers. Its base, three feet high, will be of grey granite.

Lent will soon be with us. The Church has set aside this time of year to invite us to pray and to do penance better. The penance that I would suggest is a donation to help pay the cost of this beautiful memorial to one whose life was a perpetual penance inspired by love for Jesus and Mary. The cost of the monument, when completed, will be approximately six thousand dollars. About half of that amount has been collected. Many of you have promised to send in an offering later on. The time has come now to keep your promise. Those who have not made any such promise will, I trust, be inspired to contribute their offering, no matter how small or large it may be, to this little Iroquois girl of long ago whom our Holy Father himself proclaimed to have sprung from the blood of St. Isaac Jogues, St. René Goupil, and St. John de la Lande!

On Easter, 1676, little Kateri was baptized at the age of eighteen. May the joy that was hers, be yours on Easter Sunday 1954!... 23