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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.

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# Your Kateri Monument!

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**A**T the beginning of April, a large envelope, Paris stamped, found its way to my desk. It contained two large photos of the maquette or clay model of the Kateri Statue. "The head and the hands," writes Sculptor Emile Brunet, "are practically finished, but at the moment this picture was taken, I had not yet made the rosary nor the very simple ornamentation on her scapular-styled dress, which I have added with my pen." Further on the artist adds, "I have given her a rather serious but not pessimistic expression, for she suffered many a rebuff during her life."

Several photos of Indian girls had been sent to Mr. Brunet. A native of Caughnawaga, now married and living at the St. Regis Mission, P.Q., seems to have been his choice. The costume copies exactly that of an old painting of Venerable Tekakwitha, presumably made by her spiritual director, Father Claude Chauchetière, S.J., which is conserved at the St. Francis Xavier Mission.

Practically all the donations for this bronze memorial to the Lily of the Mohawks have been coming from the readers of the Kateri Bulletin. This monument is your mark of devotion to her; it is your monument. At first, when the project was still young, I had hoped that some large offering would cover the entire cost. Today I see that was a mistake; Kateri desired that this statue of herself be erected with the donations of all her clients. This August about three thousand dollars more will be needed to keep the Mounties away from the door of Kateri's V.-Postulator. . .

When will the blessing and the unveiling of the monument take place? A cablegram dated May 5th, sent by Emile Brunet, gives us the following information: "Bronze statue finished at the beginning of July. Add transportation to Canada. I suggest inauguration, end of July." So there you have it, at the end of July or at the beginning of August, the official blessing of the Kateri Monument will take place in her own parish. Watch the newspapers for the exact date, probably August 8th, a Sunday, then plan to come. And be one of the first to see **YOUR Kateri Monument.**

(1) See pages 8 and 9.