

# THERE KATERI BELONGED!

A yearly account of the foundation of the Mission of the  
Sault up to 1685

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## A.D. 1676



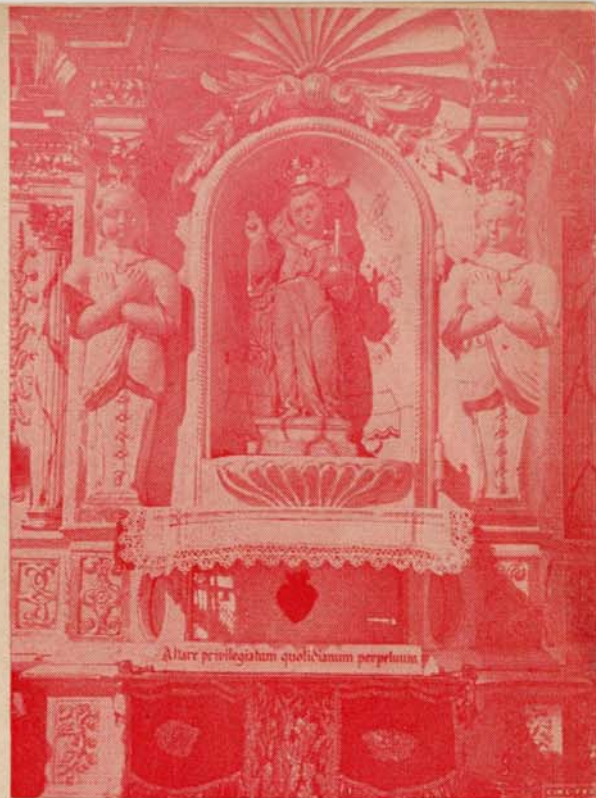
IT is marvelous to see the state of the Mission so recently established that the Indians had not yet heard any mention of confirmation. What will they be then when the Holy Ghost will have come down upon them, as He shall this year? The Lord Bishop of Quebec, who had conferred Baptism in his Cathedral Church to the first six persons of the Mission, came to complete his work in the month of May. The completed account is to be found in the Relation of 1675. The Indians' esteem for the person among all

priests closest to Our Lord left its imprint in the depths of their souls. When they learned that the Lord Bishop was coming to LaPrairie, they built a raft so that he could conveniently disembark. They lined the way with green boughs and it led to a throne of green sward and verdure where the Lord Bishop having taken place, received the captains' greetings.

The day after Pentecost, which was then being celebrated, was a propitious time for confirmation and he conferred it upon more than eighty Indians. During the space of three years he confirmed more than two hundred. This sacrament has marvelously produced its effect: the devil redoubled his efforts to ruin the Mission, assailing individuals as well as the public. The catechist was the first to be touched by the loss of one of his children, named Alexis, an example to all the children of the Mission. He was six years old, loved and cherished by all, of a fine disposition and devotionally inclined. This loss threw his parents into a mortal sorrow, but they consoled themselves by offering their child to God.  
(To be continued.)



## Christmas Greetings



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*To Kateri's devoted friends  
who have prayed hard and worked hard  
to hasten her beatification —  
A special intention at my three Christmas masses  
and at each mass of the New Year  
tercentenary of Kateri's Birth  
with best wishes  
for a happy  
1956*

*Henri Bécharde, S.J.  
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