

**A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT:
OUR LORD'S PROMISE TO
THOSE WHO LOVE HIS SACRED
HEART: "I WILL SHOWER
DOWN ABUNDANT BLESSINGS
ON ALL THEIR UNDERTA-
KINGS!" SO HELP KATERI'S
CAUSE BY HELPING THE
V.-POSTULATOR PUBLISH HIS
MANUSCRIPT ON ONE OF
THE SACRED HEART, THE
UNPREDICTABLE BERNARD
DE HOYOS!**

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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.

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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The World Was Made Flesh

The Vice-Postulator

THE WORD was made flesh, and came to dwell among us (John 1:14). All thanks to the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Jesus has continued to dwell among us. And thus, Venerable Kateri on Christmas Night 1677, received her first Holy Communion at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. It was a turning-point in her life that led her to the heights of holiness.

What has been done during 1956, the three-hundredth anniversary of Kateri's birth, to further her cause? The Most Reverend Edmund F. Gibbons, D.D. led a campaign "to unite the spiritual force of the diocese of Albany, N.Y. in persistent prayers to God for miraculous cures wrought through her intercession."

In Canada, but quite modestly as befits a Vice-Postulator living in an Indian Mission, a similar campaign requesting prayer-pledges to be placed on Kateri's relics was intensified. A celebration was held Sunday, August 26th, at the spot where she died, today Côte-Sainte-Catherine. (Incidentally because of the Seaway, the Jesuits left the parish of Côte-Sainte-Catherine at the end of September. What will happen to the little church and to Kateri's cenotaph has not been decided.) At the Mission, the little room in which her relics are exposed has been renovated; and finally, the excavations of the fourth site of the Mission have been resumed. This issue and the next three of the Kateri bulletin will tell the story of these finds and their connection with Kateri.

The medal shown on this issue's cover was unearthed during the digging. It leads me to my Christmas and New Year message: lovely Kateri who is as close to the Savior as the Angels before the monstrosity, will take your interests to heart for 1957.