

"Who steals my purse steals trash", wrote the Bard. What is needed is a little of that trash to renew Kateri's nine-year-old office equipment. Too, this autumn, I underwent heart surgery. The doctors prescribed a less strenuous day. A complicated electronic machine, now a necessity and not a luxury, the Flexowriter, would allow me to do as much work with half the effort. In Canada, a Flexowriter is priced \$3200. Should I be able to relieve your purses of \$1600, from my Provincial Procurator, an understanding Jesuit, but in this domain strictly businesslike, I have the permission to seek a loan for an equal sum at a reasonable rate of interest. If all Kateri's friends sent Kateri a Birthday and Christmas donation wrapped into one, even a very modest one, all these money problems would melt as snow in the spring!

In return, Kateri, whose memory is excellent, will remember her friends at the Manger. Now, to the members of the Kateri Guild, from the bottom of my mending heart: A Merry, Merry Christ-mass! And may every mass of 1958 bring you the same joy it brought to Tekakwitha nearly three hundred years ago! I remain, up to my neck in snow,

Most gratefully yours,

The Vice-Postulator

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Over the years . . .

The Mission of St. Francis Xavier from the air, before the St. Lawrence Seaway, which did away with the lower wall. The present church was built in 1845 after the demolishing of the 1717 building. Kateri's relics are preserved in the Kateri Room connecting the church and the presbytery. The latter was erected in 1718; in 1725 were added the walls of Fort St. Louis, quite apparent in this photo. Note the circular powder-magazine near the house, now the smallest museum in Canada.

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▲ During 1949, was celebrated the tercentenary of the martyrdom of St. John de Brébeuf, St. Charles Garnier, St. Noel Chabanel, and St. Gabriel Lalemant. On July 8, the Caughnawaga Iroquois Mixed Choir left for two days at Midland, Ont., Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs. Here are most of the choir members at the canal of Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons, discovered by Dr. Wilfrid Jury in 1948, undoubtedly the first artificial waterway with locks to be built in the New World.

◀ On Sept. 10, 1950, His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant blessed Catholic Federal Indian Tekakwitha School.

▶ His Eminence was afterwards inducted into the Iroquois nation and given an Indian name: Cherished-Light-of-the-Orient. Among those present were the Most Rev. C. Chaumont, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, the Very Rev. L. Pouliot, then Jesuit Provincial, and Mother Leopoldine, General of the Sisters of St. Ann, who have been teaching at Caughnawaga since 1914.

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▲ Thanks to the generosity of Kateri's friends, on August 8, 1954, a \$6000. bronze statue of her, cast in Paris by Canadian Sculptor Émile Brunet, was unveiled and blessed by the Most Reverend Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

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▲ Brothers Nasturtium (Allan Stacey) and Geranium (Michael Walker) step out of the second act of Leo Brady's "Brother Orchid". Fr. Albert Burns, S.J., directed the play which was a great success from its first showing on April 20, 1953.

► The discovery of the fourth site of the Mission on Nov. 1, 1955: Dr. Jury, Mrs. James Delorimier, Mr. H. H. Chapman of the Dept. of Indian Affairs, and the Vice-Postulator.

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Excavation at the fourth site

The autumn of 1955, with the aid of Archeologist Wilfrid Jury of the University of Western Ontario, the fourth site of the Mission, Kanatakwenke to the Iroquois, was definitely located at the junction of the Suzanne Creek and the St. Lawrence River. A year elapsed and in the 1956 September issue of *Kateri*, an article entitled *Urgent!* called for financial help: "By next year this site will be inaccessible", the reader was told, "because of the Seaway . . . Soon it will be too late: the bulldozers will be doing their work, the area will be flooded." During September and October a tremendous job was done under the joint leadership of the Vice-Postulator and Dr. Wilfrid Jury, who was officially in charge of the excavating. Approximately two-thirds of the village was uncovered and a map was prepared. Wrote Dr. Jury: "I am ready to say that we have a very fine display of relics. This year my wife accompanied me and catalogued over 3643 relics . . ."

In September 1957, Mr. J. H. Gest, President of the Gest Equipment Co., Ltd., enthusiastically consented to assist in the work by furnishing the necessary men and machinery. Dr. and Mrs. Jury arrived from Windsor on August 30. That very day, Fr. Béchard and Dr. Jury went out for a preliminary examination of the old town. Of the site which had been visited some time before, nothing remained. The bulldozers had torn it to pieces. It was indeed too late.

Despite this disappointment, Kateri's friends must not forget the results achieved in 1955-1956. Kanatakwenke was rediscovered, and thousands of artifacts remain to tell us about hitherto unknown aspects of life in Kateri's times. A debt of \$1500 also remains. But that has already been mentioned.

Photo: A. Landry





A worker, carefully scraping an ash-pit.



- Unearthing artifacts.

▼ *Foundation stones of the Church, facing the St. Lawrence.*



► *The Kateri Room, planned and executed by the Very Rev. Martial Caron, S.J., for 1956, tercentenary of Kateri's birth.*

