

I spoke briefly at the dedication ceremonies of the site of the chapel of St. Michael, founded in 1656 by Fathers Joseph Chamonot, S. J., and James Frémin, S. J.—both intimately connected with Venerable Kateri in later years. Two beautiful bronze markers were unveiled to their memories. The presentation of the chapel land was made by Mr. Hetzler to His Excellency the Most Reverend James E. Kearney, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, who, in turn graciously acknowledged the deed to the property. At the time, Mr. Hetzler was very ill, and on August 9, he died after weeks of intense pain. Mr. Hetzler erected a monument to Hot Ashes, the courageous neophyte who helped Kateri escape to Canada and who was killed in battle in Western New York, a plaque to Fr. Claude Dablon, S. J. and to many other heroic missionaries of New France. To Mrs. Hetzler and to all the family, I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy and the promise of my prayers for the repose of Mr. Hetzler's soul. ❀ On my return trip, I stopped at the breath-taking Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, at Auriesville, where St. Isaac Jogues, St. René Goupil and St. Jean de Lalande died for the faith, and where Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha was born. The Very Reverend William J. Schlaerth, S. J., Rector, and the Reverend Louis Devaney, S. J. Director of the Shrine, were perfect hosts. The next day, the Very Reverend Thomas Grassman, O. F. M., Conv., very kindly showed us around St. Peter's Chapel at Fonda, N. Y., and the interesting Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum, the result of years of dedicated work on his part. ❀ It was my special privilege to spend the afternoon of June 14, at the Mater Christi Seminary in Albany, N. Y., with His Excellency the Most Reverend Edmund F. Gibbons, D. D., with whose approbation I was named, in 1949, Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause in Canada. ❀ The Mission suffered a great loss in the death of Attorney Lawyer Norman Saylor, Q. C., a Caughnawaga Indian. Mr. Saylor was a benefactor of Kateri's Cause, and President of the Indian choir for many years. He was the first Iroquois to be admitted to the bar in Canada, the first to be made Queen's Councillor. He was co-editor with the late J. B. Crankshaw, Q. C., of several editions of *Crankshaw's Annotated Criminal Code*, the criminal lawyer's bible. R. I. P. ❀ Just a mention about the tremendous drive for Kateri in the 33 recreational diocesan centers of St. John's in Quebec. More about this in the next issue.



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