

Kateri's Relics

After the Lily of the Mohawks died, on April 17, 1680, she was buried on the high bluff overlooking the St. Lawrence River at what is today Côte St. Catherine de Laprairie.

In 1685, her remains were transferred to the new church in the dead of night, with only the most devout in attendance.

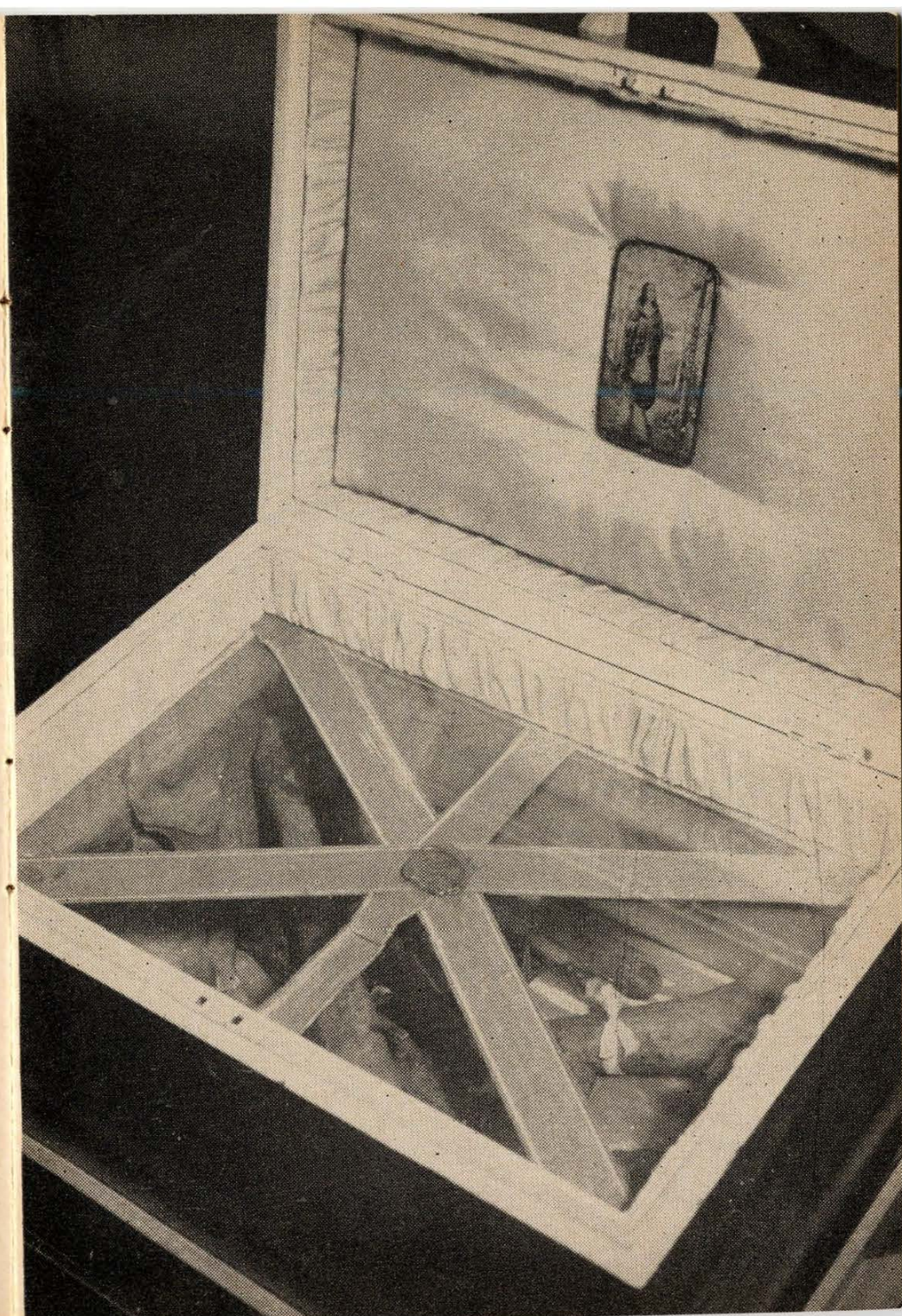
Since then, the relics travelled whenever the Mission of St. Francis Xavier moved. In 1689, in 1696, and finally about 1719, to the site of present-day Caughnawaga.

In 1759, half the Indians of the Mission, with Father Anthony Gordan, S. J., to guide them, went to the new Mission of St. Francis Regis, near Cornwall, Ontario. Many of Tekakwitha's relics followed them, and unfortunately were destroyed when the church later caught fire.

Today you may privately venerate the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's relics in a modest room next to the sacristy of the Mission Church of Caughnawaga, Quebec.

The relics were sealed over a quarter of a century ago, and will not be opened until Kateri's beatification, which may come sooner than expected.

At Kateri's office in Montreal, the Vice-Postulator has a large relic of Kateri. Your intentions are placed upon them as they come in.



The relics