



## Another Anastasia

On April 12, 1962, Mrs. Annie K. Montour very quietly breathed her last at the Montreal General Hospital, "after having received the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Extreme Unction from Father Arthur Gareau, S. J. Were present", wrote Father Michael K. Jacobs, Iroquois Jesuit, "many relatives, Father H. Labranche, S. J., Pastor of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, and one of the curates, Father Albert Burns, S. J." Mrs. Montour was 87 years old. She often made me think of old Anastasia, "Kateri's instructress in the ways of holiness." She had 9 children. For nearly 50 years, she just about never missed her daily communion. She was a member and often President of the Confraternity of the Holy Family. Kateri belonged to this association, founded at the mission in 1671. I have seen Mrs. Montour, in the space of two weeks, lose two close members of her family with the moral strength and love of Old Testament Job. "The Lord gave them to me", she said, "now he has taken them away! May His Holy Name be blessed!" On November 11, 1956, His Excellency Gérard-Marie Coderre, Bishop of St. John of Quebec, solemnly awarded her the medal of Diocesan Merit for signal services rendered to the Mission. For over half a century, at each important liturgical feast, she decorated the church with ornaments she herself had prepared. She encouraged the dying, showed herself in all circumstances a true lay apostle, and equally loved her patroness, St. Ann, and the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. All those who knew Mrs. Montour envy her the beautiful place she prepared for herself up above. She will commend to Kateri, I am sure, all the friends and benefactors of the Cause.

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