

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Fr. M. C., S. J.

You are the first to whom I am writing in 1965. It is a godsend for me, for you, for Kateri and for the donor of the enclosed cheque. On New Year's Day, I was at the old home, a traditional stopping place, where I meet plenty of the folks. My cousin, Adrian brought me to his home to charge me with sending you his expression of gratitude to Kateri. He has had an excellent season. Kateri, it would appear, was responsible. And that's that. I wish you and your staff and the "Cause" an excellent 1965. I am touched by your sending me regularly "Kateri", which is beginning to grow in size. The new format has many qualities: those of the past . . . plus the advantage of a more legible text. My congratulations . . . (St. Boniface, Man.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Fr. J. S., S. J.!

I am writing today, the first day of 1965, to offer you my best wishes for a holy and happy year. Will this year be that of the glorification of our Kateri? God will it be so! At any rate, we shall pray that it will take place as soon as possible . . . I have just received "Kateri" in its new format, which is very well done. I am very fond of this little quarterly and I am grateful to you for sending it to me. I hope that this year my translation of the Iroquois Maiden's biography will appear in print. Would it be possible to have a little relic of Kateri? It would serve to spread devotion to her and to obtain favors through her intercession, which might hasten her beatification. We hope, during the month of March, to have the joy of venerating in Navarra, the arm of St. Francis Xavier, conserved in Rome as you know. The occasion will be the 25th anniversary of the pilgrimages organized during the Novena of Grace, March 4th to 12th. From every corner of Navarra they go to St. Francis Xavier's castle which you have seen. Among these pilgrimages there is one which is remarkable, the one exclusively reserved to men, sometimes easily counting more than 10,000 pilgrims, who come on foot, sometimes from distances of more than 100 kilometers . . . (Pamplona, Spain.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Rt. Rev. A. P. F.!

I wish you a new year rich in good works and in concrete results for the Cause of Kateri, we hold dear. I also thank you for the ever interesting bulletin and for the two biographies of Kateri which you had the kindness to send me. It would be good to prepare a really critical biography with all the references; popular works are good but . . . My little article on Kateri appeared in the *Lexikon für Theologie und Kirche* IX (1964), coll. 1342-43 . . . (Congregation of Rites, Rome.)

An unknown and  
fascinating document

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER  
OF FATHER CHOLENEC...  
ON THE DEATH OF A HOLY  
INDIAN MAIDEN, WRITTEN  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF  
MAY, 1680



... To say in passing a few words about the Mission. Things there are going very well. And it seems to me, through the grace of God, that never has there appeared such fervor and holiness as during this last feast of Easter, when it seemed that the village was quite changed. What particularly occasioned this, was the death of our Kateri, about whom I have already spoken to Your Reverence in the last relation. This fortunate maiden and spouse of Jesus Christ left us, on Wednesday of Holy Week, to go celebrate in heaven with Him the triumph of the cross, which she had so greatly loved, and to which she had attached not only her heart or her affections, but also her chaste and virginal body by this life of mortification about which I spoke to Your Reverence. She died as she lived, that is to say as a saint. Such she was regarded here by all the village before and after her death. They assisted at her funeral with great sentiments of veneration, of esteem, of joy and piety, by which, I have already said the village seemed changed and quite steeped in devotion and fervor. Among other marvels, about which we shall speak in their place, as soon as she died, her features suddenly changed and appeared so joyful and devout that