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The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha

TO OUR FRIENDS



ALL KATERI'S FRIENDS, who read her quarterly, are well aware of the need for the Prayer Pledge Drive that I launched to hasten her Beatification. This drive will be crowned with success only if the Iroquois Maiden's votaries beseech our Lord to bless this intention and urge their relatives and friends to do as much. One cannot buy a miracle: only thousands of fervent Our Fathers and Hail Marys, could eventually bring about its realization.

Although Kateri's Cause is by no means a business affair, may I add, nevertheless, that there are bills to be paid: printers' bills, post office bills — don't forget the increase in postal rates! — stencil and addressograph bills, stationery bills, water, lighting and telephone bills, and the Kateri Center rent. Now the dollar's subscription to KATERI pays only for two of the annual four issues. To increase the subscription fee is out of the question — too many of Kateri's best friends have not the means to offer more. As a result, I must count on the generosity of her more fortunate devotees who could offer gift subscriptions. Another excellent way of helping the Cause would be to find new subscribers to KATERI; the more copies there are printed, the less each one costs!

If I ask you for prayers and, also, for financial assistance, it is because I have been obliged to borrow \$2000 to meet part of a \$5000 debt. Could you save on a few packages of cigarettes, a bottle of beer or so, and, perhaps, on your ice cream cones to help Kateri's Cause? I am sure she would not be ungrateful.

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