

## EACH NEW MOON

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CHRISTMAS, New Year's Day, and the entire holiday season are a special time for thanksgiving.

To Our Lord, to His Father, and to the Spirit of Love, we give thanks for the Incarnation and the Redemption and for our Blessed Mother. Only a God of infinite wisdom and love could have thought up such a solution for the salvation of mankind.

We give thanks to God for His Church and for His saints.

We give thanks to God for the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, "the fairest flower that bloomed among True Men!"

We give thanks, too, for all Kateri's friends who, in the past or in the year that is coming to a close, have helped us with their prayers — there is not enough money in the world to buy a miracle — or with their donations, — money is needed to keep the very modest Kateri Center going (see the Vice-Postulator's plea in the September 1971 issue of *Kateri*, p. 23), and to help us meet our present debt. To all

our friends and supporters, a truly happy Christmas, and, throughout the New Year, the peace and joy that the Christ Child alone can give to this troubled world of ours!

And please remember us all at Mass on Christmas.

The Kateri Staff

Last September at Auriesville, N.Y., Shrine of the North American Martyrs and birthplace of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, it was my privilege to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., Director of the Shrine, Fr. William J. Schlaerth, S.J., former Vice-Postulator for Kateri in U.S.A., who was celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit, Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., present Vice-Postulator for Kateri in U.S.A., Iroquois Fr. Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., of St. Regis, P.Q., and Fr. Manus McGettigan, O.F.M. Conv., Prior of Tekakwitha Friary at Fonda, N.Y. — the very spot where Kateri and her people settled down after Marquis de Tracy's punitive expedition in 1665, and where Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, S.J., baptized the Lily of the Mohawks in 1676.

Father Egan has just notified me as the December issue of *Kateri* is about to go to press, that Fr. McGettigan, and his companion, Fr. Luke Ziegler, were struck down by a drunken truck driver in the vicinity of Albany. The latter died on October 11, and the former on the following day. Pray for them, please, and may the joy of their meeting with Kateri in heaven, be an earnest of our own meeting with her when the good Lord calls us to Himself!

For your convenience and for ours, let us clear up a few odds and ends. To help us save on stamps, should you move, please don't wait to advise us behindhand about your change of address. Beforehand would be better, much better.

Since the Anastasia Roll was primarily meant to find new friends for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, five *subscriptions* to *Kateri*, at one dollar each are essential, if you wish to enroll one of your departed relatives or friends. In gratitude, one hundred Masses are offered for the enrollees when they total two hundred. For more details, see p. 3.

The price of a box of Kateri Sympathy Cards is one dollar; as you use them, add one dollar a year for each person you are having inscribed in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild.

Our editor has definitely assured us that *The Early Caughnawagas (Kateri's Own)* shall come off the press this spring.

Don't forget that the funds coming from UNICEF Christmas seals are used to support population control programs throughout the world (See *Kateri*, June 1971, p. 10.) Use Kateri seals instead.

The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, as I have often recalled, recognized the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha as "the Protectress of Canada," and as "the New Star of the New World." People believed that she extended her protection to the entire continent. More than ever before, we now need her guidance and help. A little less than a year and a half ago, I wrote that Iroquois

women never practised abortion. Unfortunately we cannot say as much for all the white-skinned Canadian women of today.

Any self-respecting woman will immediately make known her stand on this subject to the federal government. Many lives may depend on your written complaint to the Prime Minister. Something short and to the point such as this: "Sir: Not only do I strongly oppose any liberalizing of the law concerning abortion, but I also strongly request that the present law be repealed. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So."

Now, despite the ghoulish score being written and played in favor of abortion on request as its principal theme, a wholesome reaction is setting in. Among many others, I wish to draw to your attention two instances of this tendency: a letter written last May by Miss Claire Déry, Quebec Provincial Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, urging the 35,000 members to campaign energetically against abortion; followed upon by Mr. Joseph Borowski's resignation from the Manitoban Provincial Cabinet brought about by his unshakable opposition to Premier Edward Schreyer's position in favor of the heinous crime called abortion.

Mr. Joseph Borowski

On September 8, 1971, a CP article in *The Montreal Gazette* informed the public that 37 year-old Joseph Borowski, Highways Minister for Manitoba had tendered his resignation from the Cabinet. Why? Because Premier Schreyer would not suffer anyone, least of all, one of his Ministers, to oppose the murder of unborn children. Mr. Borowski, who has plenty of backbone, did not