



KATERI IS COUNTING ON YOU !
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A Little-Known Document Concerning Kateri

The Mission of Sault St. Louis, under the title of St. Francis Xavier, is established to the south of Lachine, where there is a French garrison to protect the Indians of the five Iroquois nations settled there. Three Jesuit Fathers are in charge of them. These nations are extremely proud. They have chiefs who lead them, although they are accustomed to follow their own whims, for among the Indians subordination is in-existent. Their women are pious. In this mission there is a pilgrimage in honor of Catherine Thiatakouita [*sic*], who died in the odor of sanctity in 1680. Within the area contained in this grant, there is plenty of timber of all sorts. The Indians own uninhabited land where they sow Indian corn, kidney beans, pumpkins, melons, and sunflowers. In Montreal, they trade the glut of their crops; besides, they prepare a quantity of maple sugar and maidenhair fern which they also sell in town. Ordinarily the women take care of the farming; the men keep occupied with hunting, fishing, and war. For several years, they have been bartering with the English at Orange (Albany), where they carry their beaver skins and bring back fabrics and other merchandise for trading among themselves or in Montreal, without the police's being able to subject them to the laws. . .

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