

## EACH NEW MOON



**M**AY THE JOY of the Resurrection flood the hearts of all Kateri readers! Easter was an exceptional feast for the Lily of the Mohawks. On Easter Sunday 1676, she was baptized, at what is today Fonda, N.Y. Two years later, she received Holy Communion a second time on Easter Sunday at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, at Caughnawaga, Quebec; there she died in 1680 a few days before Easter.

To do its part in the KATERI ACTION movement, with the Kateri Staff, I have decided to have a novena of High Masses (or the equivalent of High Masses) offered quarterly in thanksgiving for the countless graces she received from the Holy Trinity during her lifetime, and for the many spiritual and temporal favors her friends have obtained from God through her intercession. Your intentions also for the living and dead will be included in these Masses. Simply send them in to the Kateri Center, Box 70, Caughnawaga, P.Q., Cana-

da, on a separate sheet. On page 33, you will find a suggested list of intentions to which you may add others of your own.

I am particularly happy to advise Kateri's friends that these Masses will be offered by the Rev. Anthony Roussos, S.J., a Jesuit priest of the Oriental rite, chaplain of the Carmelite nuns at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Holy Land.

Last December, in Montreal, plenty of out-going and in-coming Christmas mail was delayed for weeks. The Kateri Center had taken great pains to post its material early. As the postal rates grow higher the service goes from bad to worse. I wish Canada could borrow someone like President Nixon for a few days: he would end the postal unions' annual official or unofficial malfeasance by sending in the army during the Christmas rush. In December 1972, no legal strike was voted; on the other hand, in Montreal, a slow-down strike was in operation. The blame must not rest only on the unions but on the government too. There should be enough intelligent men in the two administrations to be able to come to reasonable terms without straffing the public. In my humble, perhaps mistaken opinion, civil servants who enjoy an incomparable security of employment, should not strike, and should not forward to Halifax mail addressed to Vancouver, as some newspapers openly claimed. Nor should they deliver letters in the middle of January that were addressed to *Kateri* at the end of Novem-



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ber or at the beginning of December.

The above cartoon, published in *The Montreal Gazette* of January 11, 1973, illustrates the general public's mood with regard to the Canadian postal service during the last few years. So does the following letter, which appeared in the same issue of *The Gazette*:

*SIR, — Congratulations to Raymond Lette for coming up with the brilliant idea of sending the postal employees their pay cheques through the mail. Why did not anybody think of this before? No doubt this would simplify things for the Postmaster General as all the cheques could be mailed in plain envelopes from Ottawa. A little of their own medicine would do a world of good to the postal unions.*

*I hope the Postmaster General will not delay in carrying out this brilliant and practical suggestion.*

PATRICK O. WELLS

Last year, in more than one *Kateri*, I mentioned that, at the suggestion of Bishop André Cimi-chella, Auxiliary of Montreal, and with the complete approval of Bishop Gérard Marie Coderre of Saint Jean de Quebec, the Daughters of Isabella had resolved to intensify prayer for the Beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks. These plans were successfully implemented, and today, in the right transept of the Mission Church of Caughnawaga, you may kneel and pray close by a beautiful white Cararra marble tomb in which has been incased the reliquary of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Most of this issue of *Kateri* is devoted to the translation of the relics and to the blessing of the new monument. Far better than words the following photographic report will tell you the story. Dr. Solomon Cook of Hogsburg, N.Y., officially representing Rev. Joseph S. McBride, eluded the photographer. See, however, *Kateri*, No. 94, p. 32.

Please remember in your prayers the Rev. Henri Lalonde, S.J., for many years director of the Caughnawaga Indian Choir, who recently suffered an infarct of the heart. Ask Kateri to cure him if such be the Will of God.

In the June issue of *Kateri*, for your reading pleasure, Father Frémin's biography, interrupted in this issue for lack of space, shall be continued; also, a pictorial report on the investiture of the Rev. Michael Jacobs, S.J., in the Order of Merit, Diocese of Alexandria, Ont.