

EACH NEW MOON



TEKAKWITHA AWARDS

Our most sincere congratulations to Rev. Bernard R. Fagan, S.J., to Mrs. Peggy Brookhiser, to Mrs. Ferne Carron, to Rev. William Greier, to our longtime friend and benefactor extraordinary, Mr. Joseph O'Brien, and to Silas Left Hand Bull of the Mission of St. Francis, Rosebud, S.D., who received Tekakwitha Honors "for having worked in many ways to give America a saint." Last September, on Indian Sunday, these awards were presented to the recipients by Rev. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., American Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

R.I.P.

At the end of August, a note from Vice-Postulator Fr. Joseph S. McBride, S.J., advised me of the death of Fr. William J. Schlaerth, S.J., former Vice-Postulator for the cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha (January 1965-1968). He died on August

28, 1973, and was buried at Kateri's birthplace on August 28, 1973, today the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, at Auriesville, N.Y.

Father Bill lived a full life in the Society of Jesus. Like most Jesuit of his day and age, he gave many years of his life to teaching (Loyola College, Baltimore; Canisius College, Buffalo; Fordham University, New York). He was appointed President of LeMoyne College in Syracuse (1947-1954); Rector of the Jesuit Community at Auriesville (1956-1962); Director of the



Fr. Schlaerth

Martyrs' Shrine from 1960-1964; and Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. From 1964-1968, he held the position of Treasurer for the Jesuit Buffalo Province, and, finally, Retreat Master at St. Ignatius', at Clarence Center, N.Y.

Although I had met Father Bill before his nomination as Vice-Postulator, it was during 1964 that I became intimately acquainted with him. In the four years that we worked together, I quickly learned to appreciate his kindness of heart, his generosity, and his innate tact and savoir-faire. Kateri, I am sure, will unstintingly reward him for his untiring, devoted efforts to hasten her beatification. All her friends are invited to remember him in their prayers; in return, I'm sure he will commend their intentions to her. R.I.P.



SALT POISONING ABORTION AT 19 WEEKS — This so-called "product of pregnancy" is the result of the second most common type of abortion done in U.S.A. and Canada. In the latter country, over 20,000 babies were killed in 1973. This method is done after 16 weeks when enough fluid has accumulated in the sac around the baby. A long needle is inserted through the mother's abdomen into the baby's sac and a solution of concentrated salt is injected into it. The baby breathes in and swallows the salt and is poisoned by it. The outer layer of skin is burned off by its corrosive effect. It takes over an hour to slowly kill a baby by this method. If the mother is fortunate and does not develop any complications she will go into labor and about one day later will deliver a wretched dead little baby such as the one shown above. (With permission, *Handbook on Abortion*, Wilke, Hiltz Pub. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.)

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

At Christmas, Feast of the Nativity of Christ, let us offer a special prayer for the fathers and mothers of aborted children, who will never be able to celebrate their "nativity". The Women's Commission of the Liberal Party in Canada officially favors abortion. How can any self-respecting woman who believes in Judeo-Christian ethics side with out-and-out abortionists? The Citizens' Liberties Union goes out of its way

to avoid committing itself to any antiabortionist movement, although, if it were what it pretends to be, it would be spearheading all groups fighting the assassination of unborn children.

Last summer, in France, the majority of lawyers and doctors, and, also, quite a few youth associations protested sufficiently to prevent the enactment of a law permitting abortion on demand. Here in North America, people of every