

EACH NEW MOON

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A CARDINAL COMES TO PRAY

ON AUGUST 6, Bishop André Cimichella, Auxiliary of Montreal, and Dino Cardinal Staffa, Prefect of the Supreme Apostolic Signatura, with his Sister, Miss Staffa, came to pray at the tomb of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha at Caughnawaga, in harmony with the late Father Carlo Miccinelli's recommendation:

"The Venerable's clients must multiply their prayers and organize... a holy offensive to obtain the desired Beatification. From this Beatification would result great joy and edification not only for Canada and the United States and for all the Indians, but also for the entire world..."

SUNDAY MASSES

You may participate in the Eucharistic Celebration at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier at Caughnawaga,

P.Q., on Saturdays at 7 p.m.; on Sundays at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (High Mass) and at 12:15 a.m. The High Mass is ordinarily sung in Iroquois, Kateri's language.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

KATERI



In 1949, shortly after taking charge as principal of Tekakwitha School at Caughnawaga, P.Q., Father Béchard received a letter from the Jesuit Curia or Headquarters in Rome. As he opened the envelope, he wondered if he had unsuspectingly committed some misdemeanor and was being reprimanded by the higher-ups. But, no. As he read the Latin document, he discovered that he had been named Vice-Postulator for the cause of beatification and canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha in replacement of Father Antonio Poulin, S.J., who had held this post since 1937. Father Charles Miccinelli, S.J., then Postulator General of all Jesuit causes, approved the appointment on September 26, 1949. Why was Father Béchard chosen as Kateri's Vice-Postulator? Perhaps because Father was working at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, Kateri's mission, where she had achieved heroic sanctity, and because in 1948, he had launched the first issue of *Kateri*.

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✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mr. J. J. K. !

Many thanks for your letter and relics sent on May 28, 1974, and on July 25, 1974. I arranged with the General Post Office at Brisbane to send you a Money Order for fifty dollars. I hope you have got it by now or soon will. I promised this to Kateri if my back and neck got all right for I felt terrible while the aches and pains were on. I am saying the Our Father and Haily Mary for Kateri's Beatification daily... (Gympie, Queensland, Australia)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. C. I

I received the St. Anthony publication and in it, I read about Kateri Tekakwitha. I had never heard about her before. Father, I have a daughter who was away from home for three years, and married in March, without our knowledge. We heard about it five days after, she was married. When I read about Kateri, I prayed that I hear from my daughter. Father, after five or six days, I went into the city to St. Francis' Church. First, I prayed to St. Anthony as I always ask for peace between us; next, I went into a small chapel, and when I knelt down I looked across the rail, and there was my daughter kneeling about one and a half yards from me. It was a good reunion. Deep down in my heart, I believe that Kateri heard my prayer... (Laverton, Melbourne, Australia)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Rev. R. McN. !

I wish to inform you that my sister, M. McN., died on the 23rd of September. Perhaps you would ask your readers of KATERI to pray for the repose of her soul. (By the same token, you can eliminate her name henceforth from your KATERI mailing list.) She had a great devotion to Katherine since making her acquaintance first as a counselor of Camp Tegawitha in the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania, in the early 1920s. She often made a pilgrimage to Auriesville. She was stricken by arterio-sclerosis in 1968, and I had to bring her from her home in C. to R. Kateri helped both of us find a place for her to stay. The retired nurse who showed me the available room in her home ushered me into a bedroom which had a picture of Kateri on the wall. I knew this was the place! After a year, however, she needed more hospitalization, so we had to move her elsewhere. But Kateri still helped! If you wish, you can publish this as a favor granted us by Kateri... (Rochester, N.Y.)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)