

EACH NEW MOON

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THIRTY YEARS AGO



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S.J.

Consonant with the twenty-fifth anniversary mentioned above, is the thirtieth anniversary of the Vice-Postulator's Ordination to the priesthood. He specially thanks Danny N. III, a

high school student of Brockton, Mass., for his warm letter of congratulations and his gracious offering of five dollars to Kateri.

TERCENTENARY

From now until 1680, tercentenary of the blessed death of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, many anniversaries are worthy of attention.

On December 17, 1674, for instance, died in Quebec, Father François Boniface, S.J. He labored in Gandaouagué, Kateri's village on the Mohawk river. His missionary career was short. After four years among the Indians (1669-1673), worn out by the rigors of the cold Iroquois winter, by undernourishment and by constant work, he was forced to return to Quebec for treatment. A treatment to which he did not respond.

Father Boniface does not mention

Tekakwitha in his writings. Perhaps he did not notice her. She undoubtedly noticed him, for he had quickly mastered the difficulties of the Iroquois language and successfully instructed many Mohawks in the Faith. The Christmas Manger, which he carefully prepared so pleased the people of Gandaouagué that, at their request, Christmas hymns were sung until Eastertide. Young Tekakwitha was impressed, and thus was prepared the way to her conversion in 1676.

BILLBOARDS AND BUMPER STICKERS

Two years ago, more than a million bumper stickers with the words "Respect Life" were distributed to Catholics throughout the Chicago archdiocese. Kateri's friends, who know her as the "New Star of the New World" or as the "Protectress of Canada" would do well to write to their respective bishops requesting that the example of the Windy City archdiocese be followed in their own dioceses.

In Boston and Los Angeles — not to mention other cities — billboards carry the message: ABORTION = MURDER. To honor the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, couldn't our national Catholic societies furnish the funds needed to put these billboards before the public?

☘ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. E. C. !

I am enclosing ten dollars for Kateri, I promised her this sum if she saved my grandchild from dying. So please use this for her cause. Could I have her picture and prayer? I shall always believe in her. (Caughnawaga, P.Q.)

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One dozen cards boxed: one dollar. Each yearly enrollment in the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild: one dollar.