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### NOVENA TIME

WHEN SHOULD one make a novena to Kateri? Any time is good. Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Paschal Season, and all the rest of the year. May I suggest then that you and your relatives and friends, wherever you may be, join in with the Kateri Staff in a novena for your intentions from April 8 to 16, the 295th anniversary of Kateri's saintly death? In the December 1974 issue of *Kateri*, the story is told of the cure of young Peter McCauley in Phoenix, Arizona. His parents, brothers and sisters began a novena to Kateri on Easter Sunday 1973, for a cure of otitis media which had left the boy deaf. The novena ended on the eve of April 17, and the next day Peter could hear perfectly. The medical reports are now in Rome, before the fourteen doctors of the Congregation of Saints. What prayers are to be said? Either the official prayer for Kateri's beatification, or one Our Father, one Hail Mary and three Glorias (to

thank the Blessed Trinity for the graces granted Kateri here on earth), or *A Novena for the Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha* by the Vice-Postulator.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

Nineteen hundred and seventy-five was set apart by the United Nations as the International Women's Year. On November 6, Paul VI welcomed Mrs. Helvi Sipila, Secretary General of the Women's Year. In his address, the Holy Father proposed to all "who wish to enhance the dignity of the mission of women, that they take as a perfect model the Blessed Virgin..." Three centuries ago, that is exactly what the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha did, and, as a result, she achieved union with God here below. Is there a better means of enhancing the dignity of the mission of women?

### NO CRYSTAL BALL...

Often the Kateri Staff receives the names of living or deceased mothers, wives, widows and daughters (both married and unmarried). When no indication is given, we write MISS. Too bad the editor hasn't a crystal ball... But that's the way it is.

### ABORTION = MURDER

The *Montreal Gazette* obviously favors abortion and opposes its opponents. In the January 18, 1975 issue, for example, George Radwanski attacks Justice Minister Otto Lang.

"Lang's views on the issue are abundantly known," he writes, and restated by him at every opportunity, but two public pronouncements perhaps best convey their essence.

"The first is a widely circulated memorandum in which he states:

'I have consistently affirmed my belief, that those who talk about easy abortion ignore the rights of the human life... and that those persons... may soon next be willing to do so in other circumstances, and that abortion, except in very limited circumstances, ought to remain a crime...'

"The second is a TV interview in July in which he said:

'This silly slogan of the woman having the right to the control of her own body, ignoring completely the question of the rights of the unborn child, does miss that point, that the unborn child is indeed the beginnings of a human being, that our whole system is based on the dignity of a human being, every one of them, however weak or feeble, however unintelligent we may think them.'

Because of such a reasonable stand, resulted the "recent calls for his replacement as justice minister." So sings Radwanski. "Canada deserves better!" he dramatically proclaims.

For my part, I believe that Canada is very fortunate to have such a justice minister. He would never vote against a strong antiabortion bill after the manner of certain politicians. No matter to what party you belong, no matter what religion may be yours, if you believe that the horrible murder of a human being is not one of the "values" of our present-day society, and that it is not for the "best interests of the country," let Kateri, called "the protectress of Canada" as early as the seventeenth century, place her hand on yours as you write a note of congratulations to the Honorable Otto Lang in Ottawa, and a short letter to your favorite newspaper approving fully the Minister of Justice's stand.

### SUNDAY MASSES

You may participate in the Eucharistic Celebration at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in Caughnawaga, P.Q., on Saturdays at 7 p.m.; on Sundays at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (originally reserved for children, now for all), 10:30 a.m. (High Mass), and at 12:15 a.m. The High Mass is ordinarily sung in Iroquois, Kateri's language.