

## EACH NEW MOON

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### RECIPE FOR HOLY YEAR RENEWAL

If all the sleeping folks will wake up,

And all the lukewarm folks will fire up,

And all the dishonest folks will confess up,

And all the disgruntled folks will sweeten up,

And all the discouraged folks will cheer up,

And all the depressed folks will look up,

And all the estranged folks will make up,

And all the gossipers will shut up,

And all the dry bones will shake up,

And all the true soldiers will stand up,

And all the Church members will pray up —

THEN, you can have the world's greatest renewal.

— Richard Cardinal Cushing.

### THE 295th ANNIVERSARY

At the Mission of St. Francis Xavier (Caughnawaga, P.Q.), many of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's compatriots attended Mass on April 17, 295th anniversary of her saintly death in 1680, thus showing their love for her.

At the Mission of St. Francis Regis, P.Q., and N.Y., Father Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., organized a triduum of prayer with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, to hasten Kateri's Beatification. As several Indian families had received exceptional favors through Kateri's intercession, the triduum was well attended. On Tuesday, April 17, a daughter of St. Regis, Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., spoke about Kateri's deep prayer life; the next day, another child of the Mission, Sr. Dorothy Ann Lazore, S.S.A., treated of her spirit of penance, and, on April 17, Vice-Postulator Henri Béchard, S.J., preached about Kateri's love for our Blessed Mother. After the final liturgical service on Thursday evening, the faithful were invited to the presbytery, where they venerated a first-class relic of Kateri Tekakwitha. Thanksgiving and joy were the hallmarks of the triduum.

### THE SECOND MEETING

The second reunion of the International Committee for the tercentenary of Kateri's baptism (1976), and of the bicentenary of the United States, was held in Fonda, N.Y., from April 18 to 20. A detailed report about these two days of loving effort for the Lily of the Mohawks will appear in the September issue of *Kateri*.

On this occasion a beautiful gift, a veritable work of art, was presented to each of the three shrines that tell the story of Kateri's life — Auriesville, Fonda, N.Y., and Caughnawaga, P.Q. An exquisitely embellished red egg went to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, a green one to St. Peter's Shrine at Fonda, and a blue one to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, where the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha achieved union with God before her death in 1680. The donors were Mrs. Raymond W. Scheuerman, a member of the Committee, and her husband of Pittsford, N.Y. The artist, Mr. Ron Guidone, an employee of the Water Authority in Rochester, N.Y., has taken up this fine creative art as a hobby. The Fathers and faithful of St. Francis Xavier's asked the editor of *Kateri* to express their lively satisfaction to these generous benefactors.

### INDIAN DAY AT ST. ANN'S

Sunday, June 29, will be Indian Day at the Basilica of St. Ann's in Quebec. For three centuries, Christian Indians have been gathering yearly at the Shrine, offering their homage of love to Jesus' grandmother. Last year more than 800 Amerinds were present. This year, the Redemptorist Fathers will unveil a new statue of Kateri, the work of Sculptor Emile Brunet, who created the bronze statue of Kateri Tekakwitha which now stands in front of Tekakwitha School at Caughnawaga. Father Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., the only Iroquois Jesuit, will preside at the ceremonies, and the St. Francis Xavier Iroquois

Choir is scheduled to sing on this occasion. Incidentally, while you are at St. Ann's, be sure to examine the beautiful mosaics of the sanctuary ceiling. There you will see Kateri in glory, next to Blessed Margaret Bourgeoys, C.N.D., and quite close to God the Father.

### WORSE THAN BLUEBEARD

Bluebeard killed his first six wives. Of course, he should not have done this, and I don't believe Kateri would recommend him as a model to be imitated.

In Canada, as of now, there are quite a few police killers awaiting the death penalty. Many constables, as yet unassassinated, fear that the federal government, which is habitually weak in these matters, will commute the death sentence to life (ten years?) imprisonment. One must not forget, however, that the slain officers of the law were armed and able to defend themselves.

Worse than Bluebeard, worse than the killers of our police, Canada must hide its head in shame, for it is Doctor Morgentaler's homeland, the Doctor, who, despite his Hippocratic oath, killed hundreds and hundreds of children. A surgeon transformed into a public abortionist! The Supreme Court of Canada sentenced him to eighteen months' imprisonment only. Three of the dissenting judges, Chief Justice Bora Laskin, and co-judges Wishart Spence and Wilfrid Judson, claimed that "the defense had succeeded in proving the need for the abortion practised upon the young woman." Couldn't the child have been allowed to live? So many couples wish to adopt a baby!