

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. J. M. !**

Enclosed is a money order for one hundred dollars. I am also sending one hundred signed pledges and I have said one hundred rosaries. This was a promise that I made to Kateri if she would obtain something for me. My prayer has not been fully answered, but I will continue to pray. Kateri has helped me in many ways and if God so wills, Kateri shall obtain what I am asking for. (Sudbury, Ont.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss C. G. !**

I wish to acknowledge another great favor through the intercession of Kateri. Just recently, one of my sisters had two very suspicious brown spots removed. We prayed desperately to God that, through Kateri's intercession, the report on the removal of these brown skin areas would be negative. Sure enough, our prayers were heard and another star shines in her crown!

We are so thankful and so grateful for what we consider a "miracle." We are looking forward to Kateri's canonization soon, and plan to attend that great event in Rome. May the powers that be open their eyes soon and speed along that great event so that Kateri, our Indian maiden, may be known throughout the world as a great saint!

(Chicopee, Ma.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F. S. !**

Please accept this donation of ten dollars in thanksgiving to Kateri for a favor received after praying to her for two weeks. The answer came six months later. I was able to rent my apartment and I am truly grateful. I have now retired and have a limited income. But thanks to Kateri, this will surely help me.

(Baltimore, Md.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. N. M. !**

I am finally getting round to send something for Kateri's cause. In short, I passed the Real Estate License Test and I am now a Broker. I am also affiliated with Peterson Realty, a large firm. I started yesterday and there is much to learn. I had promised Kateri twenty-five dollars for the exam because it was very difficult and I passed... The other five dollars is for other favors received...

(Biddeford, Me.)

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

## AFTER HER BAPTISM



**K**ATERI, as you are aware, was baptized by Father Jacques de Lamberville on Easter Sunday, which fell on April 18, 1776, exactly three centuries ago. At the same time, he baptized two other Indians whose names we do not know. It was the day of days for the faithful of the village, whom the missionary had invited to the chapel for the occasion. All were pleased with Kateri's exceptional modesty as well as with her profound devotion during the exorcisms, the profession of Faith, and the pouring of the saving waters on her forehead. One of her first biographers (Cholenec) noted that all the Christian Indians exulted at the sight of so perfect a young woman highly thought of even by the non-Christian Indians. For the little group of Christians, she was a valuable acquisition. Quite understandably, they hoped that she would be wholly worthy of the religion she had adhered to and, better still, that she would attract many pagans to follow her example. They could not, of course, foresee the influence she would exercise not only throughout New France in their own time, but also in Mexico after her death, and nowadays throughout the world!

Last May, His Holiness Pope Paul VI, in his weekly audience before 3000 visitors recalled that baptism implied the total transformation of each Christian's life. "For us," he said, "Baptism is a regeneration, a rebirth, a new concept of life, a new mentality, an original philosophy beyond the great problems of our existence, which is identified and illumined by the distinctive wisdom of Christianity."

Father de Lamberville had anticipated this regeneration, this transformation in a life already so upright. "The goodness of Kateri's temper, the vivacity of her spirit, her simplicity and candor, caused the missionary to believe that one day she

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