

EACH NEW MOON



JOIN A PRO-LIFE GROUP

JOIN A PRO-LIFE group and offer your cooperation for the Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. If you do not know of a Pro-Life Association in your neighborhood, consult your Pastor. In the Montreal area, friends of Kateri would do well to phone Mr. Peter Hopkins, 279-1074, who is President of the local chapter of Alliance for Life.

FATHER GENERAL IS INTERESTED . . .



Very Reverend Peter Arrupe, General of the Society of Jesus

On the twenty-fifth of March, Father Peter Arrupe, General of the Society of Jesus, wrote to the Vice-Postulator. The following lines taken from his letter are highly encouraging: "I hope that despite all the rest of your work you have

the time and the possibility to promote the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha. You are aware of the importance that her cult may have even from the point of view of the apostolate; I am giving it my close attention."

FATHER ABBOTT'S CURE



In the March issue of *Kateri*, a cure through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha was brought to the attention of the friends of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Father Walter Abbott, S.J., executive secretary of the office for Common Bible Work in the Christian Unity secretariat, attributed partial restoration of sight in one eye, which had a destroyed optic nerve, to the intercession of the Lily of the Mohawks.

The Postulator General, Father Paul Molinari, S.J., on receiving the medical reports from Father Abbott, acted promptly:

"As I wrote in my previous letter," he informed me, "I had given the report on this cure and the annex documents to a member of the Medical Board of the S. Congregation for the Causes of the Saints so as to obtain from him a preliminary judgment on the merits of this case. This doctor consulted in turn a well-known eye specialist.

"Unfortunately both doctors have come to the conclusion that this case cannot be presented as a mir-

acle, since the cure is far from complete and moreover not of such a nature that a preternatural intervention of God must be assumed."

Two letters from Father Abbott offer further details:

"When I returned to Rome in the middle of January, I had vision in the lower half of my left eye and also in the upper left quadrant. There has been no further development. I still have no vision in the upper right quadrant. The vision I do have is not the full clear vision that I have in my good right eye. I know that you pray daily, as I do for the restoration of full vision in my left eye, and I thank everyone of you for your kindness. . . My prayer has been, and is, much more for the beatification of Kateri than for my own cure."

May I echo Father Abbott's plea: "Pray daily for the full vision in his left eye!" Kateri owed her deep spiritual life to the seventeenth-century Jesuits and she showed her gratitude by helping him. May she complete what she has begun!

As Vice-Postulator for the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha during this all important tercentenary of her flight to Caughnawaga on the St. Lawrence and her first Holy Communion on Christmas Day 1677, may I suggest that thousands of her friends seek cures through her intercession for their lame, their blind, their palsied—for all those who suffer from any serious ailment.

More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of.

Wherefore let thy voice Rise like a fountain. . . day and night!

ANOTHER KATERI



Mr. Peter Johnston at the Martyr's Shrine, Midland, Ontario, on August 29, 1976. Mr. Peter Johnston, Indian Deacon Candidate, gave the homily. I had written to him, asking if he would not send *Kateri* a picture of himself. It arrived too late for publication in the March issue. The following paragraph is taken from his letter:

"An opportunity to honor Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha was afforded us on October 23, 1976, when our family of ten girls were blessed with the addition of an eleventh girl. God's kingdom on earth was increased by one at her baptism and we have named her Christian Jay Kateri, under whose protection we have placed her. . ."

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnston and to all the family, our heartfelt congratulations! May Kateri's smile rest upon them always!

TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

In the December 1976 issue of *Kateri* appeared a write-up on the sixtieth wedding anniversary of two close friends of Kateri's, Mr. and