

EACH NEW MOON



FATHER MOLINARI WRITES AGAIN!



FATHER PAUL MOLINARI, S.J., Postulator General for the Cause of Beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, as

you may know, consulted with two doctors, members of the Medical Board of the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints, concerning the cure of Fr. Walter Abbott's eye obtained through the intercession of the Lily of the Mohawks. Father Molinari wrote, "Unfortunately both doctors have come to the conclusion that this case cannot be presented as miraculous, since the cure is far from complete..." However, in a more recent letter addressed to Vice-Postulator Father Joseph McBride, S.J., stationed at the Martyrs' Shrine in Auriesville, N.Y., the Postulator General added:

"I would suggest that you collect much more evidence on this case

and then submit it to a number of well-known eye specialists in the States with the request to declare in writing what they think of this case and of the causes of the cure. On my part, I am perfectly willing to submit new medical evidence and a series of judgments of leading specialists to one or more other members of the Medical Board of the Congregation..."

During the tercentenary months of Kateri's flight to Caughnawaga, let us ardently pray and beg for prayers that this cure and many others be accepted for the Beatification and Canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

QUEBEC BISHOPS VIEW LANGUAGE PAPER

The Declaration on the "French Language Paper for Quebec," published on June 27, 1977, by the Assembly of the Bishops of the Province, maintains that justice in regulating the lives of different nations is not static. The pursuit of the five fundamental values of the law is legitimate. What are these values? The protection of the population of French stock against the perils threatening it; the economic development of the citizens of which it is made up; the quality of the French language; social justice on the linguistic level in favor of the majority; respect of the language, values, and culture of the *minorities*. (Italics ours.) The Episcopacy, however does not intend to pass judgment on the soundness of each of the Charter articles in lieu and place of men in public office, political parties, groups, and citizens.

"The care the French-speaking community is taking to see that the priority of its language be respected must not lead to an excessive limitation of English. In the government's White Paper may be found the following statements: 'The English language shall always have an important place in Quebec... because it also belongs to the cultural heritage of all Quebecers... Not only does the government not object to the Quebec English-speaking people's keeping their language, their manner of living, and their culture, but also holds it as a basic principle of our common history.' That is why the Declaration adds, 'We are inclined to think that the veritable English-speaking citizens of every origin should be allowed to be schooled in their own language.'"

Another paragraph of the episcopal document is also of particular interest, I believe, to all of Kateri's friends. It concerns the Amerindians and Eskimos. Wrote the Bishops, "We equally deem it is a duty in equity to see that with the promoting of French among the Amerindian and the Eskimo minorities, there be avoided a cultural clash detrimental to their rights and inherited values as well as regulations unsuitable to their actual situation." After all, they are Kateri's brethren and sistren.

SCHOOL NAMED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

A new Catholic separate school to be built this fall in Hamilton, Ont., will bear the name of Kateri Tekakwitha, who is on her way to

becoming the first North American Indian saint, at least north of Mexico. The Most Reverend Paul Reding, bishop of Hamilton, who is responsible for suggesting the name for the elementary school, said Kateri was noted for a "life of perfect chastity and bloodless martyrdom."

MRS. ANTOINETTE GROS-LOUIS R. I. P.



Last winter's issue of *Kateri* carried an article on the sixtieth wedding anniversary of my Huron friends, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar

Gros-Louis of Loretteville, P.Q. The spring issue of our quarterly had gone to press when we learned that Mr. Gros-Louis had been called to his reward. The summer *Kateri*, which carried the sad news, had also gone to press when we learned that Mrs. Antoinette Gros-Louis had followed Edgar on June 6, after only three months of solitude. Madame Antoinette was always a fervent friend of Kateri's. So was her husband. She spread devotion to her among all her relatives and friends. Kateri, no doubt, came to meet her at the gates of heaven. Mrs. Gros-Louis once asked me, "Why haven't we Indians a saint of our own, one of our own race?" Now she can ask Kateri the same question. The answer may be: Not enough prayers.