

early days of her Camp programs with girls, she introduced them to Kateri as the feminine model who exemplified the traits of an ideal Christian woman, practising faith with great love and courage.

The second awardee, Mrs. Sarah Skanaieah (Little-Peacock) Monroe Hassenplug, who now lives in Liverpool, N.Y., is a native of the St. Regis Reservation, part of which extends from Canada to Hogansburg, N.Y. Sarah gives talks about Kateri to the school children in the Central New York State area, guides pilgrims to the Tekakwitha Shrine at Fonda, N.Y., and explains the history of Kateri's baptism at the very spot on which she became a follower of Iesus Christos. "Last year" wrote Father McBride, "she was an eye-catcher at the Kateri League's booth at the Eucharistic Congress as she untiringly distributed promotional material."

Mrs. Edward Kisela of Detroit, after reading a biography of Kateri, turned to her in her endeavor to help solve social problems. She works with Father McBride to spread the Kateri chaplet, medals, and information throughout the United States, giving much of her time to Kateri's Cause.

From the St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota, comes still another award winner, Mr. Hubert McCloskey, a Sioux Indian. He is very assiduous in all the Mission's activities and is involved in the Lay Deacon program. Like the Indian **dogiques** or catechists of the seventeenth century, his eloquence is often manifested in his discourses on Kateri.

The final awardee was Mr. Albert Lazare, secretary of the Kateri Cen-

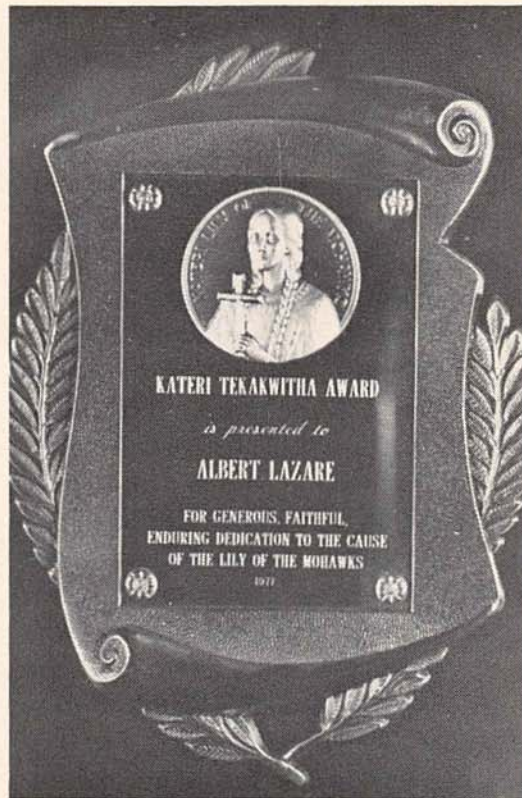


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ter in Canada. He has worked faithfully in the interest of the Lily of the Mohawks for more than a quarter of a century. A Caughnawaga Indian, he commutes daily from the St. Francis Xavier Mission to Montreal, where the Kateri office is now located. He has constantly stimulated action in favor of Kateri among his people and has solicited funds at every opportune occasion. Albert lives with his wife and five beautiful children, all of school age, at the Mission. He shows himself very public-minded, active with the Indian Knights of Columbus, the Caughnawaga Boys' and Girls' Club, and the local firemen. When he first began to work at the Center, succeeding his brother Thomas, elderly Father Omer Péloquin, S.J., **Kateri's** very first subscriber in 1949, said to me