

EACH NEW MOON



BISHOP CODERRE RESIGNS



Shortly after the celebrations in honor of the 298th anniversary of Kateri Tekakwitha's holy death, presided by Bishop Gérard-Marie Coderre at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, the news of his resignation as Bishop of Saint-Jean-de-Québec was announced.

During his very first year as bishop of his fast growing diocese,

he manifested his interest in the Cause for the beatification of Kateri. Whenever I knocked at his door in my capacity as her vice-postulator, I was always warmly welcomed. Whenever I invited him to come to Caughnawaga, he came. I shall never forget that he cancelled several appointments, on very short notice, to be present at the Translation of Kateri's remains to her new tomb. Whenever he wrote to me, he always encouraged me to stand fast in my endeavor to have her beatified. He took out many subscriptions to Kateri for the priests of his diocese and for the contemplative nuns of the country.

Bishop Coderre even sent me to Rome to consult with members of the Congregation of Rites, which was then responsible for canonizations in the Church. At the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops, he constantly drew the Cause for Kateri's beatification to the attention of its members, and, thanks to his efforts, three petitions, signed by all the Canadian Bishops, were forwarded to Rome, where they generated much interest and good will with regard to the Lily of the Mohawks.

For all this and much, much more, in thanking Bishop Coderre from the bottom of my heart, I am taking the liberty of inviting all Kateri's friends to offer a communion for his intentions.

To his successor, Bishop Bernard Hubert, we extend our best wishes for a long and happy episcopate. The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha will certainly assist him and watch over his diocese as she did for Bishop Coderre.

JENS J. THORSEN AGAIN !

Thanks to the letters written by hundreds of dedicated Christians to Messrs. Joseph Guay, Minister of Revenue, and to Ron Basford, formerly Minister of Justice, protesting Jens J. Thorsen's **Sex Life of Jesus (He's Gay)**, no film version shall be allowed into the country. Quite often **Kateri** invites its readers to write to government authorities and protest flagrant public wrongdoing. Here we have a clear proof of the value of their concerted action.

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In order to spread devotion to the Lily of the Mohawks more easily, a reprint of her life, which appeared in the June 1976 **Kateri**, is now available for her

THE BISHOPS AND ABORTION

Not long after the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's death, she became known as the "new star of the New World," a gracious title conferred upon her in thanksgiving for her protection. Today, also, she extends her assistance to all who turn to her in their necessities. If anyone needs her aid,

it's the child in its mother's womb. As the unborn child cannot implore Kateri's help, nobody will be surprised at my repeatedly bringing up the problem of abortions, "a heinous crime," according to Vatican II.

Headed by Maurice Cardinal Roy, the Archbishops of the Province of Quebec recently wrote an open letter to Premier Lévesque, requesting him to do all in his power to protect the life of the unborn child so that no more innocent blood be shed. The Bishops had previously and unavailingly appealed to the Federal Government at Ottawa when a law was passed allowing "therapeutic" abortions. Now that the Separatist government of Quebec is bent on applying the Federal law, Cardinal Roy, representing the Quebec hierarchy, strongly expressed his disapproval of the pro-abortion law.

In the July 6 issue of **La Presse**, Mr. Guy Cormier concluded an article on the Bishops' intervention with the following remarks, "Mr. René Lévesque must get rid of some of his cabinet ministers. He well knows which ones." And so he must.

MURDER AT WILL !

For Saturday, June 10, at 2:30 P.M., two days before Brother André was declared "Venerable," the Montreal English-speaking Knights of Columbus organized a combined pilgrimage and Pro-Life rally at St. Joseph's Oratory. Mr. Alan Goodleaf, president of the Caughnawaga Knights of Columbus, and Mr. Joey Stacey, a fourth-degree Knight, were the delegates of our Indian people. Auxil-