

## EACH NEW MOON

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### POPE JOHN PAUL I



ON Sunday, September 3, Pope John Paul I was installed as Supreme Pontiff in St. Peter's Square. His kind, smiling, ingenious personality immediately won the hearts of millions throughout the world. At the Kateri Center, it had been hoped that he would beatify and canon-

ize the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. This was not to be, for the Heavenly Father called him to Himself during the night of September 21. Kateri's friends everywhere will remember him in their prayers as well as deeply regretted Paul VI.

### ABORTION IN QUEBEC

As early as 1744, Kateri was known as the New Star of the New World. May she illuminate the three Americas and particularly the Province of Quebec, from the heart of which I am now writing.

Did you know that twenty Quebec homosexuals were offered a free trip to France during the autumn to study sodomy in that country? The Province of Quebec would pick up the tab, if you please. In other words, the taxpayers would foot the bill. The proposed jaunt at public expense never took place, not because the National Assembly burked it, but because, it would seem, there was opposition to it in France.

Did you know that on the N.B.C. program of last August 9, Messrs. Brinkley and Chancellor stated that in the United States three babies out of ten were aborted each year? Relatively speaking, Quebec seems to be following suit.

Did you know that from 1976 to 1977, abortions were thirty percent more numerous in Quebec than during the previous year? Herod the Great, who specialized in infanticide, would endorse them. And did you know that last year in Quebec the National Assembly quietly voted \$2,000,000

for the building of twenty abortion clinics to celebrate the birth of Christ? Five or six of these clinics are already functioning, not as many as Minister Lazure and his confederates had hoped for. Jimmy Carter and the American Congress are contributing enormous sums to cut down the population of the Third World, by means of the pill and abortion. No doubt, with the best intentions in the world, Lazure has completed his plans for a pogrom, pardon, a program to reduce births as much as possible in Quebec. This doesn't look too good for the future of the Province. Ask the young teachers and professors, who are unable to teach because there are not enough youngsters in the schools and colleges, what their opinion is.

### THE KATERI AWARDS



Mrs. Dominick Diabo, receiving the Award.

Indian Day was celebrated on September 3, at the Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., birthplace of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, with the usual pomp and circumstance. The Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, bishop of Albany, was the principal celebrant of the Mohawk Pilgrimage Mass. From Manderson, South Dakota, Deacon Ste-

ven Red Elk, a Sioux Indian, gave the homily. He had been ordained in 1975 as one of the first two deacons belonging to the St. Francis Mission. In 1970, an exact replica of the bronze statue of Kateri dedicated in 1954 at Caughnawaga, P.Q., was unveiled at the Mission of St. Francis, in Lakota territory. After the homily, he received the Kateri Tekakwitha Award from the hands of Bishop Hubbard. Other awardees were Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., director of the Shrine, who never writes nor preaches without extolling Kateri as the foremost product of the early missionaries' efforts; Sr. Mary Felicitas, R.S.M., whose artist's brush reveals the depths of her love and devotion for the Lily of the Mohawks; Mrs. Nellie Shirley of Houck, Arizona, former pupil at the Navajo elementary Tekakwitha Indian School and then at St. John's High School, who recently narrated a series of twenty programs on Kateri's life on "the Padres' Hour," a weekly radio program in the Navajo language; and last, but not least, Mrs. Dominick Diabo, who has been a member of the Mohawk Caughnawaga Choir for fifty-two years, during which she often sang Kateri's praises with the renowned group. She was with the choir for the first Mohawk pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine many years ago. God blessed her with two boys and five grandchildren who love her dearly. Among many other qualities, for her gentle humor. Heartfelt congratulations to all the awardees, and particularly to our good friend Mrs. Diabo!