

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. H.W.!**

Thanksgiving Blessings to you and all up there! We have so much to be thankful for this year, even though sorrow, grief, and misfortune have touched all of us.

My eye is coming along (slowly) and I'm hoping to get lenses soon to improve my vision. It is truly amazing what I can see with my left eye even though I have no lens of my own in it. That was removed last December when I had the cataract operation. My surgeon has warned me I will eventually lose the sight of my right eye, so it is a sort of a race between them, one coming up, the other going down. Knowing that you and my loved ones and friends are praying for me has given me much confidence.

However, Kateri knows what I am going through, as my right eye is sensitive to light. But God has spared me of pain. My prayers to Kateri are constant, several times a day sometimes, so I feel she will help me to good eyesight.

My check for ten dollars is a special thanksgiving gift to Kateri. God bless and keep you all in His care.

(Queens Village, NY)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.D.!**

I have a little sister, M., who died last year. She was a mongoloid and the joy and light of the whole family. She was the twelfth of fourteen children. She was baptised Margaret Mary Kateri — called M. She had a very simple but complete understanding of God and a great love for his saints and angels. She suffered much in her lifetime from injuries, operations and casts, but always offered them up for others and never complained. Now that she is dead, she still seems to be the central focus in our family and from all her answers to our prayers we know she is in heaven with her heavenly Father and Mother. Every Christmas in our Infant of Prague novena, her intention was for the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. You might try asking our M. for her intercession for Kateri Tekakwitha's canonization as it was a favorite intention. I have a daughter now, named Kateri Lucienne Marie after two lilies (of the Mohawks and ours.) She will now have that intention at Christmas time. I will keep on praying for Kateri's cause as we need such examples of innocence and purity in the world today . . .

(Enniskeane, Ireland)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

KATERI'S VOW

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KATERI'S PENANCE on the occasion of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, excessive though it may have been, sprang from an immense love: she practised it to show how fond of Our Lady she was. She also manifested this love through prayer. Five times a day, in the little church, kneeling at the foot of the statue of Mary, she delighted in the meditation of the divine mysteries. On Sunday, she joined the other faithful divided into two groups, who said the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. She always carried her rosary wherever she went and never forgot to say the Angelus while she was at work in the fields or in the woods. When night had fallen, after evening prayers in the longhouse, she recited the litanies of the Blessed Virgin. The melodious Iroquois words flowed softly from her lips: "**Takwentenr Sewenniio**, Lord, have mercy . . . **Wari Saiata-tokenti, Takwaterennaenhas**, Holy Mary, pray for us!"

On **Warihne**, or Mary's-Day, that is to say on Saturday, she took leave to perform extraordinary mortifications, whose merit she increased by trying to imitate the Blessed Mother in one or the other of her virtues.

Day by day she realized more effectively in her life the ideal proposed to the members of the Confraternity of the Holy Family and of Slavery of the Blessed Virgin, of which she was now a member for nearly a year. This was a slavery of love like that which transported St. Paul to the third heaven. Beside her rosary, Kateri also made use of the chaplet of the Holy Family, composed of three decades. Between each one, peaceful and recollected, she addressed the Virgin Mary, whom she felt