

## EACH NEW MOON

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### A TERCENTENARY

ON MARCH 26, at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, the faithful honored the tercentenary of Kateri Tekakwitha's vow of perpetual virginity on the Feast of the Annunciation, 1679. Daughters of Isabella, Holy Family members, and Knights of Columbus were in attendance at the quarter past twelve o'clock Mass. So were many schoolchildren thanks to Sr. Dorothy Lazore.

In the homily, which I gave at the insistence of Sr. Dorothy and with the Pastor's approval, I recalled the fervor with which Kateri made her vow. She attended the predawn Mass, after which she remained recollected in prayer before Our Lord in the tabernacle until the eight o'clock Mass. During the Holy Sacrifice, she abandoned herself totally to the love of Jesus Christ, renounced forever purely human love, and vowed perpetual virginity. She gave her soul to Jesus in the Eucharist and her body to Him on the Cross. She also prayed to Our Lady to whom she was ten-

derly devoted, and begged of her to present her to her divine Son. At the same time, she consecrated herself entirely to Mary, asking her to be her mother and to take her as her daughter.

### AFTER THIRTY YEARS

Next December will be the thirtieth anniversary of **Kateri**. Every three months, year in and year out, **Kateri** has come off the press to tell the story of the Lily of the Mohawks' marvellous life. In the middle fifties, a French edition was successfully launched. Since the first issue, the subscription rate has not varied, \$1.00 a year. It has been possible to maintain this low price because of the generosity of Kateri's devotees. Despite the undue increase of mailing costs, I hope to be able to maintain this initial price. The English language edition now has 8,828 paid up subscribers. For Christmas 1979, if each one of **Kateri's** readers got one more subscription, the circulation would be in the 10,000's. Furthermore, if all the old and new friends of the Lily of the Mohawks offered a Hail Mary or an Our Father each day, no doubt the Iroquois Maiden's long desired beatification would be greatly hastened.

### A DEVOTED FAMILY

Anne Kateri Tekakwitha McCauley of Phoenix, Arizona is now fourteen years old. The entire Allan McCauley family merits the congratulations of Kateri's friends. Mr. and Mrs. McCauley and their six children have crusaded from one end of the United States to the other



Anne Kateri Tekakwitha

for the Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. See Mrs. McCauley sensitive interpretation of the Lily of the Mohawks, which illustrated the 1974 winter issue of **Kateri**. When she was ten, Anne Kateri Tekakwitha portrayed Kateri in drama and sang an Iroquois Love Song with Cornhusk, a puppet puppie. This year at the beginning of Lent, members of the Kateri Tekakwitha youth group at the St. Francis Xavier parish in Phoenix bagged pretzels after Sunday Mass. Funds from the sale of these crackers will go towards building a shrine to Kateri. Artist Ted D'Gracia offered to create a statue of the Venerable, which is expected to be ready for the unveiling on April 17, 1980, tercentenary of her holy death.

### "TO THIS DIVINE HEART..."

**The Visions of Bernard de Hoyos**

Henri Béchard

The Visions of **Bernard de Hoyos** is the life story of a young Spanish Jesuit who made the Sacred Heart known to Spain as St. Margaret

Mary had done for France. "All

the faithful," wrote Pope Paul VI," moved by a new ardor, should render to this divine Heart the honor which is its due..." This book will surely revive and strengthen your love for the Heart of Jesus during this month of June. Less than one hundred copies are available. Now \$8.00 postpaid.

### "A SHINING FROM THE MOUNTAIN"

Keep your eyes open for Sr. Providentia's forthcoming book, **A Shining From the Mountain**, which is dedicated to Kateri. It is the story of how Christianity was carried to the Western Indians two centuries ago by the Iroquois Indians of Caughnawaga. The manuscript of the fourth chapter, which I have before me, tells the fascinating story of Ignace LaMousse's apostolic and successful efforts among the Flatheads. This well written, carefully documented work is a fine homage to the Catholic faith of the Caughnawagas of long ago. Something good to look forward to.

### FAITH-TALES FOR CHILDREN



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