

EACH NEW MOON

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SHARING KATERI...

IF, FROM MONTREAL, you drive southward across the Mercier Bridge and glance to your right as you pass over the St. Lawrence River, you will see the snow-covered mission church of St. Francis Xavier, the spiritual headquarters of the Catholic Indians of Caughnawaga. Nineteen hundred and eighty is of special significance to them, for it is the tercentenary of the death of their most illustrious compatriot, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. It is also of special significance to her votaries, to you and to me. Her life in colonial days is a shining beacon for us in the late twentieth century.

Humanly speaking, she seemed to have everything against her, born in a pagan though not atheistic milieu, she was orphaned as a very young child, suffered from ill health during most of her life, and was self-exiled from her native land for the faith. Instead of growing

bitter, she managed by close cooperation with God's grace to empty herself of everything so as to leave her heart and soul free for her loving Savior. She is now in heaven and is as powerful today in interceding for us as she was in the years following her death for the people of that time. She will lead us to the throne of Our Lady, whom she loved so much here on earth. She will put in a good word for us with the Mother of the divine Child.

Of course, if we obtained the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha during 1980 or soon after, many of the faithful who are unaware of her would learn to have recourse to her powerful assistance and to pattern their love of God after hers. Through our prayers and through all the means at our disposal, we can hasten this great day. It will be our way of sharing Kateri with others.

HOPEFULLY

A pressing invitation is made to Kateri's friends who are sufficiently interested to want to do more to hasten her beatification, especially during 1980. They are invited to join the "New Kateri Band." It does not aim to supplant the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild, which has so generously donated life-blood to the Kateri Center for many years. It is simply an auxiliary movement, founded at the suggestion of Guild members who had asked, "Couldn't we do something more to speed up Kateri's canoni-

zation?" For particulars, write to The Reverend Vice-Postulator, Kateri Center, Box 70, Caughnawaga, P.Q., J0L 1B0, Canada.

LUCIFER VIEWS CHRISTMAS

As Christmas approaches, a feast so dear to Kateri, Warner Brothers are hoisting on the public a dirty movie portraying the life of Christ. Called **The Life of Brian**, it is totally offensive to Christians and Jews alike. Fr. Lawrence Smith, moderator of the Holy Name Society of Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y., cited as example, the parody of the Nativity the mocking of Jewish reverence for the Name of God and their hope for a messiah, the portrayal of the Christ-figure as a dimwit, and his mother as a lewd, foul-mouthed, and repulsive person (played by a man).

The Virgin-birth is jeered at, as the Mary-figure admits her son's father is a Roman soldier who raped her (although not too unwillingly); her language is as salty as a sailor's as she is seen carrying on these affairs boldly and blatantly. The Three Wise Men, following a star, come upon a stable and bestow their gifts upon a repulsive looking Mary-figure... But then, after having left, they return, grab back their gifts and scamper up the road to another stable made bright with a celestial glow... Not a moment is wasted as the angels are mocked and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove is shot down while the credits are

still brazenly running before our eyes.

"Before the end of the film, a prostitute named Judith spends the night with the man being hailed as the Savior. And in case the sequence wasn't clear, she is seen running about frontally nude. Not to be undone 'the savior, goes out on the balcony to quiet his screaming throng and forgetting his situation likewise reveals himself frontally nude.'" According to the **New York Times**, it is "the foulest biblical epic ever made."

To make matters worse, according to **Variety**, Grosset and Dunlop, "will have a tie-in... via a book "including the full script, stills, and a Monty-Python scrapbook."

Rabbi Abraham Gross, former president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, has denounced the movie and with the group **Citizens Against Blasphemy**, retained lawyers to seek an injunction to prevent the showing of **The Life of Brian**. Certification has already been denied in England.

What are Kateri's friends going to do about it?

Boycott all Warner Brothers movies, and services, if **The Life of Brian** is not immediately squelched. It is imperative to tell them so. Canadian friends of Kateri are invited, also, to write to The Right Honourable Joseph Clark, Prime Minister of Canada, House of Commons, Ontario K1A 0B1, and insist that the movie and the Gosset and Dunlop vomit be banned from the country.