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A JOYFUL TRICENTENARY



AS EASTER approaches, celebrations in honor of the tricentenary of the holy death of the Lily of the Mohawks are preparing.

The Iroquois Knights of Columbus of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier have a Eucharistic Concelebration scheduled, which will be presided over by Bishop Bernard Hubert of St. John of Quebec, whose diocese comprises Caughnawaga. In 1978 and in 1979, our Indian people worthily honored the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha on April 17, in anticipation of the tricentenary. On both occasions the Bishop of the diocese was the main celebrant, firstly Bishop Gerard-Marie Coderre, who had for years on end untiringly striven to hasten Kateri's beatification, and then his successor, Bishop Bernard Hubert. This year, the Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, April 20, at quarter past twelve, in thanks for the beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks, will be followed

by dinner at the beautiful Knights of Columbus Club.

At the Iroquois Mission of St. Francis Regis, founded by the Catholic Indians of Caughnawaga in the middle 18th century, the tricentenary will not be forgotten. St. Regis is about one hundred and twenty kilometers to the west of Montreal, on the St. Lawrence River, straddling the American frontier between Cornwall, Ont., and Malone, N.Y. There resides Father Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., our only Iroquois Jesuit. Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., a daughter of the Mission, is taking care of the festivities. On Sunday, April 13, 1980, Bishop Robert Lebel of Valleyfield, P.Q., will offer the Holy Sacrifice. Dinner will be served at the parish hall of the Mission at Hogansburg, N.Y. The September issue of **Kateri** will give a detailed account of the celebrations at Caughnawaga and at St. Regis.

But these are not the only two places where Kateri will be honored. Both the Martyrs' Shrine at Auriesville, N.Y., her birthplace, the Kateri Shrine at Fonda, N.Y., the place of her baptism, and the Martyrs' Shrine at Midland, Ont., will have a series of observances in her honor throughout the pilgrimage season. Through her inspirational life and virtue may we all have a new beginning!

THE TEKAKWITHA WICKIUP

I hope you didn't miss the Eucharistic Celebration on "Meeting Place," Sunday, January 20, on the CBC network. Archbishop Charles A. Halpin of Regina presided the Holy Sacrifice with Fr.

Daniel Hannen as co-celebrant. The Indian Congregation was inspiring, the singing and the readings letter-perfect.

The Tekakwitha Wickiup—meeting place or lodge—has been in existence for over four years under the patronage of Kateri. It has been quite successful. The Wickiup, was founded to bring together the native population of

the city for social activities, work, and worship in an attempt to foster their growth as human beings and Christians. It also brings together the white and native in order to break down prejudice and to build up appreciation of each other's values and ideals. More about the Tekakwitha Wickiup in a future issue of **Kateri**.



ABNAKIS HONOR KATERI

From the Mission of St. Francis at Odanak, P.Q., Fr. Yves Gagnon, its pastor, sent the staff of the Kateri Center a snapshot of a beautiful wood carving in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks' entrance into heaven on April 17, 1680. It was executed for the little church of the reservation by Mr. Adrian Paradis, one of the parishioners, in homage to "the fairest flower that ever bloomed among red men: **Onkweonweke Katsitsiio Teotsitsianekaron.**" The ancestors of these Indians were natives of Norridgewock, Maine, which they fled in 1724, after the

massacre of Fr. Sebastian Rasle and several of their compatriots.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, June 29, 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized eight missionaries, Sts. John de Brébeuf, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lallemand, Charles Garnier, and Noel Chabanel, who died at Midland, Ont., during the 17th century; Sts. Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, and John de LaLande,