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CELEBRATIONS IN HONOR OF BLESSED KATERI ...

AT THE VILLAGE-DES-HURONS



ON THE OCCASION of the annual meeting of the Quebec Bishops, it was decided to honor Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha at the Huron Village of Loretteville. This year its parishioners are celebrating the 250th anniversary of its historic church. On the evening of September 11, Cardinal Maurice Roy, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, with some thirty-two Bishops gathered together in the tiny church. Bishop Jules LeGuerrier, Ordinary of Moosonee and President of the Episcopal Committee for the Indians and Esquimaux of Quebec, officiated at the Eucharistic Celebration in the company of his fellow bishops. (His excellent homily appears on p. 29 of this issue of **Kateri**). When the time came for the Kiss of

peace, Chief Max GrosLouis, head of the reservation, offered the pipe of peace to the concelebrants, who all took a few puffs. At the end of the Mass, Cardinal Roy recalled the fidelity to the promises of their baptism which the Hurons and Iroquois had abided by for nearly three centuries.

AT ST. REGIS, P.Q.



On September 21, at the Mission of St. Regis, P.Q., a counterpart of the festivities at Caughnawaga on June 29 took place honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Bishop Eugene P. LaRoque of Alexandria, Ont., one of the three Ordinaries of St. Regis, was the principal celebrant at the Eucharistic Celebration. In his homily, he focussed on Kateri's message for our times, in particular for youth.

At the Offertory, corn, beans, and squash—the three sisters—were offered, a symbol of the desire of the Indian people to live in harmony with God and nature, “as Kateri did during her lifetime.” Towards the end of the Mass, a group of children in full regalia danced a round at the altar, their way of expressing their joy at having a Blessed of their own.



The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Angelo Palmas, speaking at Quebec City Hall; to his right, Cardinal Maurice Roy, Primate of Canada, and to his left, Mayor Jean Pelletier.

The concelebrants with the Bishop were Fr. Gerard Lavigne, S.J., pastor of the Mission; Fr. Jean-d'Auteuil Richard, S.J., former provincial of the Society of Jesus; Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J., first Iroquois Jesuit; Fr. Georges White, first Iroquois Oblate of Mary Immaculate; Fr. Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Conv., director of the Kateri Shrine at Fonda, N.Y.; Fr. Henri Béchar, S.J., Kateri's vice-postulator; Fr. Paul Emile Beaudoin, S.J., of Caughnawaga, P.Q.; Fr. Paul Hamel, S.J., of Montreal; and Fr. Roland Menard of Fort Covington, N.Y. Worthy of mention are the two Jesuit Brothers, Bertrand Girard and Eustache Savard, whose cooperation helped to insure the beauty of the Liturgy.

After the final blessing, dinner was served at Kateri Hall in Hogansburg, N.Y. Fr. Hamel then showed the slides he had taken at Rome during the beatification of Kateri to all the guests. Mrs. Ann Scheurman of Pittsford, N.Y., had done likewise on the previous evening with her 250 transparencies of the great event.

To conclude this happy day, Mr. Tom Constantino of Amsterdam, N.Y., presented to Bishop LaRoque a beautiful statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, and to Fr. Lavigne a picture of her, signed John Steele.

AT QUEBEC

To commemorate the beatification of François de Laval, Mary