

EACH NEW MOON



AN EASTER PRAYER

GOD OUR FATHER, by rising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened to us the way of eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.

IN THIS ISSUE

As a cause of beatification, according to the Bollandists, belongs to the country where the future saint died, many were surprised at the important role played by the American Bishops during the beatification ceremonies in Rome last June 22. A letter written in 1931 to the Most Reverend Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany, N.Y., by Coadjutor Archbishop Georges Gauthier, Administrator of the Diocese of Montreal, explains for the first time how the American Episcopate was empowered to work at introducing the Mohawk Maiden's Cause of canonization before the

Roman Tribunal of the Congregation of Rites. It also reveals why Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., read the official petition to the Holy Father during the Mass of beatification, requesting him to elevate the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha to the honor of the altars.

The last two issues of **Kateri** told the story of the celebrations held in honor of the new Blessed at Rome, at Caughnawaga, P.Q., on June 29, and then at St. Regis, and at the Village-des-Hurons near Quebec City. At the same time, Kateri's devoted friends in the United States did not hesitate to manifest their love for Blessed Kateri and their gratitude to God for having her declared "Blessed." In this issue of **Kateri**, in preference to others, the celebration organized by Vice-Postulator Joseph McBride, S.J., on October 18 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, in Auriesville, N.Y., is being highlighted. On this hallowed ground, Blessed Kateri was born in 1656, the very spot where, a dozen years before, Sts. Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, and Jean de la Lande died for the faith. Bishop Hubbard graciously allowed us to publish his beautiful homily, which, with a few adaptations, he later on repeated in Washington, D.C., at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Our heartfelt thanks to His Excellency as well as to Blessed Kateri's devoted friends, Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., Mr. Joseph O'Brien, and Mr. Thomas Constantino, whose addresses on the same occasion appear in this issue of **Kateri**.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS



On October 5 at St. Patrick's Church in Montreal, were installed the new officers of the Fourth Degree **Knights of Columbus**, members of the D'Arcy McGee **Assembly**. Many Iroquois

Knights with their wives attended the ceremony. Auxiliary Bishop Leonard Crowley of Montreal presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and blessed a statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha donated to the church by the Knights. At the end of the service, a relic of Blessed Kateri was venerated by the Knights and their guests. St. Patrick's of Montreal is the first church of the metropolis to have a statue of Blessed Kateri.

On the evening of December 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ft. Covington, N.Y., close by the St. Regis Reserve, a reception was tendered to Iroquois Fr. Michael Karhaienton Jacobs, S.J. For reasons of health, he had not been able to go to Rome for Kateri's beatification. At the same time, Bro. Eustache Savard, S.J., was honored. For more than thirty-two years he has dedicated his life to the Indians of Akwesasne and won their affection. The Rt. Rev. Bernard Carrier, S.J., the new Jesuit Provincial for French Canada, was the main celebrant at the Eucharistic Con-

celebration. Immediately afterwards a veritable banquet was served by the Indian women who had prepared it. Speeches and gifts for Fr. Jacobs and Bro. Savard followed. A gift to the latter, which I found thoughtful and touching, was a vacation ticket to the Saguenay, his birthplace. Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., Director of Our Lady of Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., who had given a masterly homily, now congratulated his two confrères along with Mrs. Alma Ransom from St. Regis, who had emceed with finesse and humor.



At the Village-des-Hurons, on December 12, feast of Our Lady of Loreto,

once again thanks were given for the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, of her bishop, François de Laval, and of Mother Mary of the Incarnation. It was also the final day of the 250th anniversary of the little Huron church. Archbishop Jean-Marie Fortier of Sherbrooke, P.Q., offered the Holy Sacrifice in the company of other prelates and priests. With good reason, the Hurons love the Lily of the Mohawks. Are they not Amerinds as she was? And among the three braves who went down to help her escape from her village on the Mohawk river, wasn't one of them a Huron? And finally, were not the Huron Christian captives of the Iroquois, the first ones in her native land to edify Kateri before continuing to do so at Kahnawaké on the St. Lawrence?