

## EACH NEW MOON



### A YEAR LATER

**A** YEAR HAS PASSED since the beatification of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. In this issue of the little quarterly dedicated to the Lily of the Mohawks, celebrations honoring her and perhaps overlooked, are now recalled as well as the Kateri commemorative stamp issued by the Government of Canada on April 24 of this year. Our subscribers are invited to read attentively the letters from our readers about the favors obtained through Kateri's intercession. The contents of the June issue of **Kateri** aim at stimulating Kateri's friends, by their prayers, sacrifices, and cooperation, into hastening her canonization

### JUNE, A SPECIAL MONTH

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Down the years, in its summer issue, the **Kateri** quarterly has reminded its readers of our Savior's immense love for each and everyone of us. Kateri's beatification was entrusted to His loving Heart, both here at Kahnawake, P.Q., and at Auriesville, N.Y. One of His twelve promises

to St. Margaret Mary was that he would bless the enterprises of those who honored His divine Heart. And our dear Lord has been faithful to His promise: last year Kateri was beatified at St. Peter's in Rome. Now would not the best way to hasten Blessed Kateri's canonization be to turn again to the loving Heart of Jesus? The question is being left for the consideration of her many friends everywhere.

### HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II



John Steele Pinxit

What an immense debt of gratitude we owe to His Holiness John Paul II for having elevated the pure and humble Iroquois girl Kateri Tekakwitha to the honors of the altar! That is why, in the capacity of Vice-Postulator, I'm urging all our friends to continue praying for the Holy Father's speedy recovery from the wounds of his assailant's bullets. At the same time, I'm asking them to entrust to the Lord's

care the priests, religious of both sexes, and the laity, who by means of the newspapers, magazines, radio, and television tend to belittle the Vicar of Christ on earth. Everything he says and does is the object of their attacks, from the style of his homilies to his pronouncements on abortion and the religious life. In the diocesan paper of the diocese in which I was brought up, not very long ago in a single issue I found three criticisms of the Holy Father—two syndicated columns by priests and a third one by a member of the laity in good standing. What possible good can this constant carping do? In the long run it will hurt the entire Church. **Ubi Petrus ibi Ecclesia.** That's the Latin for "Where Peter is the Church is".

French philosopher Marcel Clément recently wrote the following lines about the present pope: "He mysteriously carries in his heart all human reality, a reality that is Christian by vocation, leaving in the spiritual core of each one the impress of the Cross and of the Resurrection of the Lord." St. Catherine of Sienna, Doctor of the Church, called the Sovereign Pontiff "the sweet Christ of the earth." Clément understands this.

### CELEBRATIONS

Many Indian reserves in Canada and the United States celebrated Blessed Kateri's Beatification last year in their own happy way. I know that Bishop Charles A. Halpin of Regina, Saskatchewan,

honored her with pomp and circumstance at the Tekakwitha Wickiup of his city. The Longlac and Gull Bay Reserves did too. "Mark Nawagijick," wrote Fr. Brian Tiffin, S.J., "drew a fine picture of Kateri on hide. Cornelius Bouchard of Gull Bay carved a five-foot statue of Kateri. A homily in Ojibway was given by Mr. Joe Bananish of Longlac #58 Reserve... Each family was given a Mother Nealis picture of Kateri. Many other Kateriana were sold. The celebration ended with coffee, sandwiches and cake."

### FIRST DAY COVERS

The Kateri Center has a limited number (600) of the **FIRST DAY COVERS** of the Kateri Commemorative stamp, April 24, 1981. One dollar each. Order yours immediately. First come, first served.

### TWO INTERESTING PRAYER PLEDGES

From the Carmel in Jerusalem, sent in their Prayer Pledges for Kateri's canonization, Sr. Mary of the Angels, a Bedouin from Jordan, "with a great devotion to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha," and Sr. Elsbeth of Jesus, who wrote, "My great-grandmother was a Chippewa and I was delighted that among the 66 or so plaques of the **Our Father**, which we have in our outer cloister, one was in Ojibwa: We remain in union of prayer..." Our heartfelt thanks to Sr. Mary and to Sr. Elsbeth and to all those throughout the world who are sending in their pledges!