

which is characteristic of the modern world. Let us understand this clearly. This is not to deny the brilliant successes that the modern world has achieved in the material realm.

Moreover, if the modern world were honest with itself, it would admit that its progress spawns so many needs at so fast a pace that there is no way they can all be satisfied. The modern world also knows that inner peace and contentment are always further and further away. While the white man tends to wonder, "How much property have I acquired for myself?", the Indian is more inclined to ask himself, "How much service have I rendered to my people?" This is certainly food for thought.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, I also think it appropriate that we offer our congratulations to the Bishops and parish priests who worked so earnestly and so diligently for Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification. And I might add that my own pleasure at this stamp launch today must be shared by the Girl Guides and Brownies who see their "Patron Saint" commemorated on this stamp.

Now I would like to invite Chief Andrew Delisle to share with me the unveiling of a reproduction of the stamp honouring Kateri Tekakwitha.

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❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. V.G.!**

I'm enclosing a check for fifty dollars which I promised to Kateri if we were successful in winning a certain case. We were threatened to lose our property and had to appear in court before a judge. I confided it to Kateri from the start and she won our cause. Many thanks to her! It was almost a miracle how everything went so smoothly. I hope this will help in hastening her canonization for which we pray daily. (St. Laurent, Man.)

*(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)*

Chief Andrew Delisle

## AN APPEAL TO THE LAITY



AFTER THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION and the launching of the commemorative stamp in honor of Blessed Kaetri, I obtained from Bishop Bernard Hubert and from the Honourable Gilles Lamontagne the texts of their allocutions. I had also intended asking Chief Andrew Delisle for his, but he had spoken extemporaneously without a script. With a little forethought, I could have had someone tape him on cassette. A few days later, I asked him for a summary of his address. He willingly obliged:

"At Rome last year, I came to the conclusion that a beatification or a canonization is not only the work of the Holy Father, the Roman Congregations, and the Postulators, but also of the faithful in general. By the interest they manifest in a candidate to sainthood, by their prayers and sacrifices, and by promoting devotion to him, prayers arise from many quarters to the throne of the Most High for the beatification or canonization of the Servant of God they hope to call "saint." To all Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's devotees, who, by cooperating with the Postulators, have obtained from the Father in heaven the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, pertains the honor of working more ardently than ever at spreading her cult."

Is it necessary to add that Chief Delisle has perfectly grasped the significance of a Cause of canonization? It is not the time now to rest on our laurels even though the Mohawk maiden is now worshipped publicly by the Church; it behooves us all to continue our efforts for her canonization by extending our activity and by securing more and more collaborators attracted by the radiance of Blessed Kateri's spirituality. She did not belong to a religious Order, whose members would feel called upon to propagate devotion to her in their schools, convents, and churches. We must, of course, count on them as on the diocesan clergy, but an ardent and prolonged appeal in her behalf must be made to the laity. After all, she was of the laity. If the faithful generously respond to Chief Delisle's appeal, I feel that before very long it will be possible to call Blessed Kateri, St. Kateri Tekakwitha.