

KATERIGRAM

THE PRAYERS, ALMS AND SACRIFICES offered through the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha are so many means to hasten her elevation to the ranks of the Saints and to spread her influence from one end of the world to the other. Allow me to suggest another means, which could be quite helpful. The late Archbishop Fulton-J. Sheen, who did so much to spread the reign of God, is its author.

"I recommend," he wrote, "that you spiritually adopt a child in its mother's womb. Pray that an unknown child, whom you are taking under your protection, be preserved from abortion to live and grow in the love of God." It is a good way to oppose Mr. Minister Lazure, who dotted the landscape of the Province of Quebec with abortion clinics,—medical facilities for the murder of unborn children.

"It is all well and good to pray," you say, "but what prayer shall I use?" Archbishop Sheen prepared this one for you, "JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH, I love you with all my heart. I beg of you to spare the life of this unborn child that I have adopted spiritually and who is in danger of being aborted." Offer this prayer each day during a year with the Our Father and the Hail Mary for Blessed Kateri's canonisation.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, to the Blessed Virgin, and to Blessed Kateri, but in the world to come and throughout eternity both you and the child will find happiness in each other's company.

The following lines from Vatican II will serve as my conclusion:

"God, Lord of life, has conferred on men the surpassing ministry of safeguarding life—a ministry which must be fulfilled in a manner which is worthy of man. Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care, while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes... Relying on these principles, sons of the Church may not undertake methods of regulating procreation which are found blameworthy by the teaching authority of the Church in its unfolding of the divine law."

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Dolores Pustelny pinxit.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha