

EACH NEW MOON



FR. MOLINARI AT KAHNAWAKE

ON SATURDAY EVENING, June 6, following a series of talks in Quebec and at Châteauguay, P.Q., to former retreatants who, in Rome, had followed the Ignatian thirty-day **Spiritual Exercises**, Fr. Paolo Molinari, S.J., Postulator General for the Cause of canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, improved the occasion by coming to pray at Kateri's tomb in Kahnawake, P.Q. He was received with open arms. About forty of his retreatants accompanied him. In good part, it's thanks to his efforts that we are now able to call the Lily of the Mohawks "Blessed." The pilgrims present in Rome for Kateri's beatification will always remember Father Paolo's warm welcome and his readiness to serve at any time of day or night.

FIRST DAY COVERS

As promised in the summer issue of **Kateri**, a picture story of the launching of the commemorative stamp in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks on April 26, now tells the tale of this happy event.

Of interest to philatelists: First day covers: \$1.50, 5 covers: \$5.50.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

At the Martyrs' Shrine in Auriesville, N.Y., birthplace of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Shrine Coliseum was celebrated on Sunday, June 21, 1981. The Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, beloved Bishop of Albany, was the principal concelebrant at the 12:30 p.m. mass. Rev. Father Vincent J. Hart, S.J., who was a member of the Shrine Staff at the time of the dedication, was the guest homilist. The Choir of St. Mary's Church, Amsterdam, N.Y., under the direction of Charles Lower, performed the original **Mass of the Martyrs**, composed by Hugh P. Donlan, and first sung on June 21, 1931. Heartfelt felicitations to Fr. Thomas FF. Egan, S.J., and to his Staff, who carry on the good work of fifty golden years!

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Mrs. A. Two Rivers receives the fifteen-year award.

The Daughters of Isabella, Lily of the Mohawk Circle 1130, Kahnawá:ke celebrated their 15th anniversary on June 26.

The Celebrations commenced

at the St. Francis Xavier Mission Church in Kahnawá:ke. The Eucharistic Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Antoine Remillard, State Chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella; concelebrating with him were Father Léon Lajoie, Pastor of the St. Francis Xavier Mission and Chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella in Kahnawá:ke; and Father Henri Béchar, Vice-Postulator for Kateri's cause.

The Solemn Mass was sung by the renowned Mohawk-Iroquois mixed Choir. The Daughters participated in the Liturgy of the word. The Offertory gifts were brought up to the altar by the four past Regents since the founding of the Circle in 1966. Father Henri Béchar delivered a heartfelt homily on the theme of the three loves of Kateri: her love of Our Lady, of the Eucharist, and of the Cross. He also expressed his appreciation to the Daughters for their work in promoting Kateri's cause and their part in erecting the tomb of Kateri, which is in the St. Francis Xavier Mission Church today at Kahnawá:ke. The Eucharistic celebration ended with the beautiful Hymn to Kateri by the Mohawk-Iroquois mixed Choir.

Immediately following the Eucharistic Celebration, a dinner was served at the Knights of Columbus hall. Speeches were given encouraging the Daughters to continue in their work of service in the Church. Special pins were given to the Daughters who have been members for ten and fifteen years.

Daughters of Isabella members from various circles, members representing the different groups

in the community of Kahnawá:ke attended the celebrations in honor of Kateri Tekakwí:tha.

Sr. Dorothy Lazore, S.S.A.

FIRST BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 12, 1981, was a very special day for the people of the Missasaugi Indian Reserve near Blind River. It was on this day that their beautiful new log church, named in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, was blessed. Bishop Bernard F. Pappin blessed the church, concelebrating Mass with Fr. Larry Kroker, and assisted by Murray Sayers and Angus Neganigigig, native deacons.

There were also other special events to mark the occasion: Confirmation for several young people and adults from the community and surrounding area, and the Mandation of four members of the community as Ministers of the Eucharist. Those mandated were: Chief Camille Chiblow, Adelard Chiblow and Billy and Lena Boyer.

As it was Palm Sunday, there was the Blessing of the Palms on the grounds of the old church followed by a procession to the new church.

The homily was given by native artist, Blake Debassige. He explained the mural behind the altar which he had painted for the new church. It was very meaningful. He entitled it "Path of Life Mural".

After the dedication ceremonies, there was a beautiful feast provided for everyone in the community hall...

Betty Sayers