

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Center since her beatification:

Spiritual graces	16
Articles lost and found	9
Happy trips	13
Peace in Families	3
Successful studies	16
Lodgings	20
New employment	50
Financial help	30
Strikes averted	6
Saved from fire	2
Safe pregnancies	4
Abortion averted	1
Successful or averted operations	26
Cures	88
Other temporal favors	16

A NEW KATERI SCHOOL

Wonderful news from Grande Prairie, Alberta! In a letter of September 4, addressed to the Kateri Center, Chairperson Mary Wild of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Education Center,

writes: "The Grande Prairie Catholic School, District No. 28, is in the process of constructing a new school scheduled to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1982. The new School has been named "Kateri Mission Catholic School," and is located in the Mission Heights subdivision in the City of Grande Prairie. Expected student enrolment is 340 students, grades kindergarten to 9..." Hurrah!

INDIAN DAY AT AURIESVILLE



The Award

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Each year, on the weekend before Labor day (September 6, this year), at Auriesville, N.Y., Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's birthplace, Indian Day is celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs. On Saturday evening, Indians from Kahnawake, from St. Regis, from Maine and New Brunswick gathered together at the Coliseum on the Shrine

grounds. After the Eucharistic Concelebration, the St. Regis singers under the direction of Sr. Kateri Mitchell, the Kahnawake Choir, expert diseuse Mary Eunice, and Indian dancer Mrs. Michael Akins of Old Town, Me, presented a program of song, dance and monologue to the faithful.

The next morning, before the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in harmony with the times, the organ went on a strike. The Indian Choir was forced to sing a capella. After a moment of dismay, it rallied and sang beautifully to the admiration of the congregation. Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Kateri in the U.S.A., was the main celebrant and Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri in Canada, gave the homily on the Beata's virtues. To their surprise, at the end of mass, both received the Award of Merit of the North American Martyrs from the hands of Fr. Thomas Egan, S.J., Director of the Shrine. A beautiful climax to a beautiful ceremony.

BLESSED KATERI AT ST. REGIS

On September 27, 1981, the annual celebration in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks took place at the Mission of St. Francis Regis. The Mission was founded before the United States and the Canadian Confederation. Half of it extends beyond the boundary line into the State of New York; in Canada, the other half is divided in two, one is situated in Quebec, and the other, in Ontar-

io. The Pastor, Fr. Gerard Lavigne, S.J., is canonically responsible to three Bishops, those of Ogdensburg, N.Y., of Alexandria, Ont., and finally of Valleyfield, P.Q. An understanding between the first two and Bishop Robert Lebel of Valleyfield has conceded to the latter the responsibility of St. Francis Regis, without however suspending their pastoral solicitude for the Indians of the Mission.

This year, for the annual celebration in honor of Kateri, Bishop LaRoque of Alexandria presided over the ceremonies, which were well organized by Sr. Kateri Mitchell, a child of the Mission, with the help of the ladies of St. Regis and the Iroquois Knights of Columbus. Concelebrating with him were the Vicar General, Msgr. Robert J. Giroux, Fr. Lavigne, Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor at Kahnawake, Fr. Ronald Schultz, O.F.M. Conv., Director of the Kateri Shrine at Fonda, N.Y., Fr. Clarence M. Devan, Pastor at Bombay, N.Y., Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Kateri Tekakwitha, and Deacon Gordon Bryan. The children in their national garb danced during the Concelebration and the singing and prayers were in Iroquois and English.

At one o'clock, an excellent dinner was offered to the faithful at the Kateri Tekakwitha Hall in Hogansburg, N.Y. Entertainment was provided by Sr. Kateri's little dancers and by Anne Scheuerman of Pittsford, N.Y., with slides from the last Kateri festivity at Auriesville, N.Y.