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St. Isaac Jogues and
Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha
St. Gerard Majella Church
Hollis, N.Y.

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ond, and, Fr. Léon Lajoie read the Gospel. Bishop Hubert preached the homily. As usual the Iroquois Choir sang in its own language under the direction of its former director, Fr. Jacques Bruyère, S.J., on leave from his parish in the Phillipines. When the Mass was over, Kateri's friends were invited

to a collation at the beautiful Knights of Columbus Hall of the village. And so, happily ended the two days dedicated to honoring Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

**A FEW HUNDRED FIRST
DAY COVERS OF THE
KATERI TEKAKWITHA STAMP
REMAIN: \$1.50 EACH.**

✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss D.M.!**

Ever since visiting Fonda, NY, last summer, Blessed Kateri has become my powerful intercessor. The young girl in my parish, J.Q., seriously injured in an auto accident last summer, has made remarkable progress and is now undergoing plastic surgery operations. She was never expected even to come out of her coma. She can play cards now (as a memory therapy)! I used the Kateri magazine (the issue before the Spring, 1981 edition) to spread her story. May I have several copies of that issue to pass along to others? People seem eager to pray to Kateri when they hear about her. . .

(Chicago, IL)

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

HE CAME FROM PARIS



Fr. Remy as seen by our artist

IN 1680, the year of Kateri Tekakwitha's death, Fr. Peter Remy, P.S.S., who had come to Canada in 1672, was appointed Pastor of Holy Angels' Parish at Lachine, which he would be responsible for until 1706. On all sides, people spoke of Kateri's holiness and of the many favors and miracles previously mentioned. At the little settlement on the

north bank of the St. Lawrence, practically facing the Indian mission, her devotees invoked her more and more and even went to pray at her tomb in the little church dedicated to St. Francis Xavier.

The Pastor, a native of Paris, frowned with displeasure. How could a young native, who was barely converted, have reached the perfection of a St. Genevieve or of a St. Louis so dear to the heart of France? The years tripped by and in 1696, Fr. Remy heard that Fr. Cholenec, Kateri's former director, was preparing a life of his spiritual daughter of yore. For eight or nine years, the good Pastor had been completely won over to the one who was known as "the miracle-worker of Canada," and in March 1696, he decided not to delay writing to the Jesuit. He considered himself in duty bound to report the favors the Iroquois "saint" had poured down upon his parish. Later on, as they took place, he would add others to the list, more than a hundred in all.

To begin with, the good priest was sceptical about Kateri. He was not at all impressed by his parishioners' accounts of the cures obtained for them through the Servant of God. But the day came when he considered it wise to implore Kateri to help him. How did this change of heart come about? Fr. de Charlevoix in his monumental **History of New France**, published in 1744, gives us a version already touched by legend. Each year, he wrote, it was customary in the