

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from October 1, 1982 to January 31, 1983:

Temporal Favors	28
Return to the Faith	1
Articles Found	10
Safe Trips	14
Peace in Families	3
Successful Studies	7
Lodging	4
Employment Found or Kept	35
Financial Aid	4
Saved from Fire	1
Safe Pregnancies	5
Better Health	39
Successful or Averted Operations	22
Cures	27
Houses Sold or Bought	10
Happy Deaths	3
Vehicles Sold	3

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mrs. Steve Baranky, Calgary, Alta., 26; Miss Régina Sauvé, Montreal, Que., 43; Miss Regina Coleman, Cleveland, OH, 50; C.N. D. Sisters, Montreal, Que., 50; Mr. and Mrs. Chet Adams, Northville,

MI, 200; Sr. Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., St. Regis, Que., 197; Sr. Marcella O'Donnell, S.S.M.N., Buffalo, NY, 140; Mrs. Madeleine Roy, St. Hubert, Que., 103; Sr. Saint Pascal, Trois-Rivières, Que., 50; Sr. Berthe Bernatchez, C.N.D., Pointe Claire, Que., 30; Mrs. Honoré Fournier, Pont La France, N.B., 27.

THE OJIBWAYS AND KATERI



Members of the Blessed Kateri Music Ministry from the Ojibway settlements of Northern Ontario travelled to St. Regis and Kahnawake in mid-September to lead an evening of song praise for the Catholic Mohawk people in each location.

Rev. Mr. Murray Sayers, the first married deacon among the Ojibways, and his wife, Betsy, founded the prayer group after they had travelled to Rome along with their two sons to represent their parish in Batchawana, Ont. at the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. According to Murray's own testimony very few of his people had heard of the saintly Mohawk Maiden prior to the news that the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, had decided to pronounce her a Blessed. On their return from Rome, the Murray couple were prompted to start a prayer group among their people

to make Blessed Kateri better known and to enlist her intercession in a ministry of healing.

Among the twenty-three members of the group who came on the tour were four new candidates for the diaconate among the Ojibway people: Richard Sayers of Iron Bridge, Lawrence Andrews of Birch Island, Dominic Eshkabogan of Massey, and Dennis Thaura of Val Caron.

Their association with the two Mohawk Communities came as a result of the marriage of one of their Ojibway brothers, Ron Boyer to a Mohawk girl from Kahnawake, Sheila Boyer.

Edward Wawia
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GOOD-BYE AND WELCOME!



Frs. Gerard Lavigne, S.J., Robert L. Fleig, S.J., and Thomas F. Egan, S.J.

On October 3, 1982, a Solemn Mass and dinner were offered in honor of Fr. Gérard Lavigne, S.J., who for four years had devoted himself with heart and soul to his flock at the Iroquois Mission of St. Francis Regis, Akwesasne, P.Q. Open heart surgery was the cause

of his definitive departure, which almost broke his heart anew. He loved his Iroquois parishioners and they loved him. He worked hard and earnestly, ably continuing Fr. Michael Jacobs' efforts over the years. The people were not afraid of his big voice for they had quickly discovered the heart of gold it hid. One of the pleasant highlights of his pastorate was his trip to Rome with over 40 parishioners for the Beatification of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. His successor, Fr. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., quickly assured him that as Pastor Emeritus he would always be welcome at Akwesasne.

The Eucharistic Celebration and dinner were not only in honor of Fr. Lavigne but also of the new Pastor and his Assistant, Frs. Thomas F. Egan and Robert L. Fleig, S.J. In the course of time, before coming to St. Regis, they had made friends among the people. Fr. Egan had been the Martyrs' Shrine Director at Auriesville for fourteen years and Fr. Fleig had worked with him before being appointed Treasurer of the Manresa Retreat House on Staten Island. At Auriesville on Indian day each September, and in their many visits to Akwesasne, they got to know and esteem the Indians of what is now their parish. Needless to say, the French Canadian Province of the Society of Jesus is delighted to have the cooperation of these two first-class men in the international St. Regis Mission. I still remember a few words of Latin, so I'm parading them on this occasion: **Ad multos et faustissimos annos!** Many happy years at Akwesasne!