

OUR LADY OF FATIMA AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARTYRS

On May 13, 1983, in the Vatican gardens, the Holy Father unveiled and blessed a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the work of Sculptor Frederick Shrady. His Holiness wanted it as a token of his gratitude to Our Lady for having saved him from death on May 13, 1981, anniversary of the first apparition of the Mother of God at Fatima in 1917.

On May 29, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., His Excellency Bishop Edward J. Maginn, former Auxiliary of Albany, unveiled and blessed an identical statue of Our Lady of Fatima. "Let this statue," reads the day's program, "and also what it represents be a visible expression of the love of the people for the Mother of God and for our Holy Father who reigns over the church of her people, acknowledging their renewed faith in building a stronger bond between God, church, and country."

In the evening, a banquet was served in the beautiful Shrine Cafeteria close by the Coliseum, followed by a symposium on the glories of Mary, organized by Fr. Robert J. Boyle, S.J., Director of the Shrine, by Fr. Louis A. Devaney, S.J., missionary in Columbia, and by Mr. Thomas B. Constantino, President of the Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, N.Y. Sr. Mary Miranda, Directress of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis the Holy House at the Blue Army Shrine, Washington, N.J., enthusiastically described the ever growing devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Fr. Joseph S. McBride, Vice-Postulator for

Blessed Kateri in U.S.A., spoke beautifully about Our Lady and the Lily of the Mohawks. The Mohawk Beata was certainly present at her birthplace on this day set aside to honor Our Lady whom she had so loved during her short life on earth.

THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB IN PLATTSBURG

On the occasion of the first Friday of June, invited by Bro. Richard Côté, O.M.I., Messers. Paul Lafontaine and Romuald Lesage, the Vice-Postulator was at Plattsburg NY to offer the monthly mass for the First Friday Club and give the homily on the three loves of Blessed Kateri. He was the guest of the Oblate Fathers who graciously received him at their historic St. Peter's parish, but celebrated the liturgy in a special room at the Howard Johnson restaurant, where lunch was later served. Brother Côté is soon leaving for a five-year stint at Tahiti, where he intends to spread devotion to Blessed Kateri.

ABNAKI FETE BLESSED KATERI



Bishop Martin of Nicolet blesses the new statue of Blessed Kateri.

At Odanak, Que. on June 5 at 8:00 p.m., with Bishop Albertus Martin of Nicolet presiding, the Abnaki Indians feted Blessed Kateri. The pastor, Fr. Yves Gagnon, had worked hard preparing the program of songs and dances. The ceremony began with the liturgy of Confirmation, followed by a Concelebration, during which many children made their First Communion. Concelebrating with

His Excellency were the Vicar General, Msgr. Jean-Marc Vallières, Fr. Lucien Pageau, pastor of the Huron Village at Loretteville, Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., pastor of St. Francis Xavier at Kahnawake, and Fr. Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, who in his homily recalled to the faithful the eminent Marian devotion of the Lily of the Mohawks. At the end of the Holy Sacrifice, Bishop Martin blessed a statue of Kateri carved out of hickory, the work of Pierre Chouinard of Sherbrooke, Que. Following the religious service, refreshments were served at the gazebo in the garden while the Abnaki gave a rendition of their dances. A busload of Hurons came with their pastor; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Boyer, Mrs. Louise Rice, and Mr. Albert Lazare, Blessed Kateri's secretary for over 30 years, accompanied Fr. Lajoie.

THE MICMACS REVISTED



Corinne Francis, Chief Jack Sark, and Premier James Lee of Prince Edward Island.

In the previous issue a six-page article appeared about a weekend retreat given by Father Thomas F. Egan, S.J., of St. Regis to a group of Micmac people on Prince Edward Island last January. Father Egan returned to PEI in mid-June for another weekend experience, mostly with the same teenagers. This time the group met at Belcourt Manor, a diocesan retreat house on the north shore overlooking Malpeque Bay. Once again there was a closing mass at the historic St. Anne Church on Lennox

Island. There was also an opportunity for the retreat master to spend an evening talking to parents about their youngsters. As Father Egan reports, Blessed Kateri means more than even to the Micmac Catholic people. Now John Joe Sark, the lay leader who planned the retreats with the full support of his bishop, Most Rev. James MacDonald, is speaking of a way to bring together the other communities of Indian peoples in the Maritime Provinces, Malacite, Abenaki and Micmac, for a special day of conferences under the inspiration of their beatified Indian sister.

T. F. E., S.J.

KATERI AT MIDLAND



The new statue of Kateri at the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ont.

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Fr. James Farrell, Director of the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs at Midland, Ontario, invited Frs. Thomas F. Egan, pastor of the St. Regis Mission, and Henri Béchard, Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, to take part on June 25 and 26, in the Amerindian Prayer Days.

On June 24, radiant with sunshine, the two Fathers travelled to the Manresa Retreat House at Pickering, Ont. They were warmly received and spent nearly two hours at the nearby Provincial Infirmary of the Jesuits with Fr. Alexander Rolland, who had served among the Objibway during forty years. To their great satisfaction, they discovered that Fr. Alex is an ardent

propagator of devotion to Blessed Kateri.

The next morning, after saying goodby to their hospitable hosts, the two travellers made it to Midland on time for lunch. At four o'clock in the afternoon, the Shrine was full of Indians who had come for the blessing of the new statue of Kateri, the work of Mona, who resides at St. Jean, Que. The Vice-Postulator preached on the virtues of Blessed Kateri, after which, accompanied by Fr. Farrell, he blessed the beautiful statue of the Beata in the left Tran-

sept of the church, facing the altar of the Blessed Sacrament. The ceremony ended with the veneration of a relic of Kateri Tekakwitha.

The next day, a pontifical mass was celebrated by Bishop Pappin, Auxiliary of the Sault St. Marie Diocese, at the foot of the hill where the Holy Father will officiate at Mass next year during his visit to Midland. With the episcopal blessing ended the days of prayer by the Indians, who thanked God for having given them Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss P.A.!**

Enclosed is a check for thirty dollars. I promised Kateri I would send her twenty dollars if she would help me find a job. I had been sick for a year and needed employment. For whatever remains, please send me three Kateri novena booklets and my **Kateri** quarterly bulletin. I ask prayers for intercession that my patient, J., will be healed of Multiple Sclerosis.

(Raymond, NH)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.B.!**

Enclosed please find eleven subscriptions. I promised Kateri I would spread her name after a favor two years ago. My grandson was born January 4. He was near death and we made a novena to Kateri to ask God to spare his life. Today he is a healthy, happy, lovely boy. We also received a few more favors. So, in return, I'm subscribing to **Kateri** for people I know.

(Rexton, N.B.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss J.C.!**

Kateri answered my prayers and I want to thank her and if you could, would you put it in the **Kateri** magazine? My mom and dad had a big argument and they separated. I was upset, very unhappy and wanted the family to get together again. I prayed to Kateri and the next day my dad asked my mom and the two of us to go back home. I was surprised but very thankful to Kateri. . .

(....., P.Q.)

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

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. F.S.!**

Please accept this small donation in thanksgiving to Kateri and Our Blessed Lord for saving me from a serious automobile accident. I was driving on a boulevard and happened to hit a small patch of ice. The car swung over into a left lane; had there been a car coming I may have been seriously injured. I feel that through the kindness of Our Lord and Kateri's intercession I was really saved. I am still praying to Kateri for better health as I just recently got over a gallbladder attack. Father, the years have slipped by so quickly. My grandson is now 17 years old in his last year of High School. . .

(Baltimore, MD)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. E.A.M.!**

I prayed two novenas to Kateri for a sister who had severe headaches for seven months. On January 10 the headaches left her. I promised publication if her headaches left her and now that they have, I am fulfilling my promise. May this cure be a help to Kateri's canonization.

(Mokena, IL)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. M.S.!**

I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving for all that Blessed Kateri has done for my family. This past year my son was confined to bed for two months with a severe back problem. The neurologist recommended surgery. I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha that he be spared from surgery and that his health be restored. He is now back to work and is again active in the volunteer fire department.

(Orlando, FL)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M.F.Z.!**

After an almost unforgivable delay I am sending a check for ten dollars promised to Kateri for her help. I undertook last year a great project to send a container of clothing for needy people in my home country. It was a gamble as I had no idea if it would be possible to collect so much clothing to bring it to one place, sort and pack. I prayed every day to Kateri for help and guidance: She answered my pleas. The response of the people was overwhelming both in material and in help. We collected just enough to fill the container to capacity. It arrived safely to its destination and was greatly appreciated by all recipients. Thanks, Kateri, for your intercession!

(Ottawa, Ont.)

❖ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss E.C.!**

Thanks to Blessed Kateri, a friend is now satisfactorily adapting to her work, new geographical surroundings and culture. I am enclosing a twenty-five dollar offering in Thanksgiving. Also I would like prayers for a cancer cure for a friend and a permanent job for a niece.

(Lasalle, P.Q.)

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