



Bro. Bertrand Girard, S.J., Frs. Henri Béchard, S.J., Robert L. Fleig, S.J., and Thomas F. Egan, S.J.



Bishop John F. Kiney of Bismark, ND, leads one of the many Concelebrations of the Conference; Deacon Spears gives the kiss of peace.



Indian liturgy conducted on the bank of Lake Sagatan by Fr. Edmund Sevilla, a Pueblo Indian



Saturday evening powwow



Fr. Béchard and Mr. John Joe Sark, a Micmac from Prince Edward Island



The Mohawk banner from St. Regis

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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Thomas F. Egan, S.J.

FROM MANY RESERVATIONS in Canada and the United States, Indians set forth for St. John's University at Collegeville, MN during August for the Annual International Tekakwitha Conference. They came from as far as Alaska and from Prince Edward Island. Albert Lazare, Blessed Kateri's longtime secretary, and his son Arnold represented the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, Kateri's own, while from the sister-mission of St. Regis-Akwesasne no less than 47 Mohawks set out by bus under the leadership of Alex Mitchell.

A day earlier, August 9, Father Thomas F. Egan, Father Robert L. Fleig, and Brother Bertrand Girard, S.J., of St. Regis with Father Henri Béchard from St. Francis Xavier's at Kahnawake had flown out to Minneapolis, where they were met by Father Beachhuber of the Jesuit Mission Service, who most graciously drove them to Collegeville, MN, ninety miles away.

At the end of the afternoon, the opening liturgy began with a solemn procession of over 1000 native people dressed in distinctive garb and grouped according to tribe. Principal Concelebrant of the mass, the Most Rev. Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate of the Holy See