

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE . . .

Alcoholic Problems Solved	3
Articles Found	3
Better Health	3
Cures	31
Employment Found or Kept	27
Financial Aid	4
Happy Deaths	2
Lodgings	9
Peace in Families	2
Peace at Work	1
Properties Bought or Sold	3
Safe Pregnancies	3
Safe Trips	7
Successful Studies	1
Successful or Averted Operations	16
Temporal Favors	19

NEW KATERI CENTER AT THUNDER BAY

The Kateri Center opened its doors on December 12, 1983, expanded on March 1 and was officially inaugurated by the Most Rev. Bishop John A. O'Mara of Thunder Bay on March 2. It is a Center for the Native People who live or visit the city of Thunder Bay, a place of prayer, sharing, and togetherness. It consists of two meeting rooms, a small chapel, and an office. The



Bishop, O'Mara, Fr. Tiffin, S.J. and a few of the many native people who attended the inauguration

Center is dedicated to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. A picture of the Blessed is painted on the chapel window for all visitors and passersby to see.

Fr. Brian Tiffin, S.J. is the pastor and many local native people are involved in the Center's activities. A number of them devote an afternoon each week to this Center. Mrs. Sara Sabourin, Sr. Priscille Solomon, Mrs. Anne Echum, Mrs. Jane Jones, Mrs. Jean Plummer, Mrs. Yvonne Winters, Mrs. Elsie King, Mrs. Rita Tookenay, Mrs. Elisabeth Gladu, and Mrs. Leonard Bananish are some of the dedicated volunteers. There are many others who help in many ways . . .

The Kateri Center is situated in downtown Thunder Bay (North) on 214 Red River Rd. Stes 3 and 4. Please come and visit us, when you are in Thunder Bay. The Center is open Monday to Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT ST. REGIS



Fr. Gérard Lavigne, S.J.

February 12, 1984 marked the 50th Anniversary celebration as a Jesuit of Reverend Gérard Lavigne, a dear friend of the Mohawk Indians and of Kateri.

Born on the Feast of St. Ignatius, July 31, 1913 at Beloeil, Quebec, Gérard was raised in Montreal and educated at the Collège de Brébeuf before entering the Jesuit novitiate at Sault-au-Recollet in 1934. Ordained to the priesthood in 1944, Father Lavigne subsequently served on missions in Quebec at Rimouski and Chicoutimi and in the United States in Arizona and California before being assigned as pastor to the Church of St. John Francis Regis on the Mohawk Reserve in 1979. Although Father Lavigne's pastorate was shortened by illness and major heart surgery, he had won a lasting place in the hearts of the Mohawks who welcome him warmly whenever he comes to help out at St. Regis.

The Golden Jubilee Mass was concelebrated by Fathers Thomas Egan, Robert Fleig, Henri Béchar, Roland Labrosse, Thomas McBride, and Timothy Chambers, with Father Lavigne as the main celebrant. Alma Ransom, Solomon Cook, and Charles Terrance were lecturers for the occasion, while the Knights of Columbus and the First Communion class were special guards of honor.

Following the Mass, the traditional Indian feast was presented at Kateri Hall. The warmth of the gathering was enhanced by tributes paid to Father Lavigne by Father Egan, S.J., Solomon Cook, Billy Sunday, Msgr. Robert Giroux, and Sister Mary Christine, S.S.J., with Father Fleig as Master of Ceremonies. In his concluding remarks, Father Lavigne asked special prayers for vocations, hoping that there would be new Mohawk Indian priests and sisters to serve God's People.



On February 12, 1984, an artistic reproduction of the Virgin of Guadalupe was unveiled in the sanctuary of the St. Regis Church on the St. Regis Indian Reservation. Participating in the ceremony that took place immediately before a concelebrated Mass for the Golden Jubilee of Reverend Gerard Lavigne, S.J. were Fathers Thomas Egan, S.J. Pastor; Robert Fleig, S.J., Associate Pastor; and guests for the occasion—Fathers Henri Béchar, S.J.; Joseph McBride, S.J.; Timothy Chambers and Roland Labrosse, S.J. The painting was a gift of Thomas Constantino, longtime friend of Kateri and her Mohawk people.