

EACH NEW MOON



Six-year-old Sheryl Mayo from Kahnawke, Que., Kateri's village, before the high relief of the Lily of the Mohawks on the bronze doors of St. Patrick's cathedral, NYC.



IT'S ST. PATRICK'S!

I spent many years working with the Indians in Minnesota. I even had our 4-H Club named after her—"Tekakwitha 4-H Club." I have a strong devotion to her and say prayers daily for her canonization...

In regard to the "Letter From Spokane," in *Kateri*, no. 137, pp. 16 and 17, this is a small Mission church at Broakston, Minn. Father Alban Fruth, a Benedictine missionary, is the acting Pastor. This is in the Cloquet, Minn. area. Father Alban and I worked together at Red Lake and White Earth, Minn... He even composed two beautiful hymns to honor Tekakwitha and we use them often.

Sister Debora Herda, O.S.B.
St. Joseph, Minn.

KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from November 1, to February 23, 1985:

Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	8
Better Health	7
Cures	39
Employment Found or Kept	32
Financial Aid	4
Happy Death	1
Lodgings	4
Properties Bought or Sold	9
Safe Pregnancies	5
Safe Trips	2
Strikes Averted	1
Successful Studies	4
Successful or Averted Operations	13
Temporal Favors	23

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mrs. Nancy DiStefano, Baltimore, (MD), 52; Sr. Elizabeth Côté, C.N.D., Montreal, (Que.), 26; Sr. Lucile Danis, Chicoutimi, (Que.), 45; Sr. Leonarda, Forestville, (CT), 32; Mr. Larry Pelland, Indian Orchard, (MA), 29; Mrs. Marlene McCauley, Phoenix, (AZ), 173.

A PRIEST FOREVER

Pierre Houde



On July 1, 1934, Fr. Michael Jacobs, S.J. was the first Iroquois to be ordained a priest. Fifty years later, on December 15, 1984, another ordination took place in the same historic church built in 1845. Fr. Jacques Nicole, S.J., was elevated to the priesthood by Bishop Bernard Hubert of St. Jean-Longueuil.

Having entered the novitiate on September 7, 1977, Jacques followed the regular course of studies prescribed for Jesuits and his ordination as a priest was a major event in his religious life. Now why was a French Canadian Jesuit, born in Montreal, ordained priest at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in Kahnawake?

In 1983, Jacques spent a few weeks with the Objibways of Northern Ontario, his first contact with Amerindians. Shortly afterwards, the Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Bernard Carrière, sent him to help Fr. Léon Lajoie, S.J., Pastor of the Mission St. Francis Xavier. With youthful zeal, he gave himself up entirely to his pastoral ministry among the Mohawk population, especially the teen-agers. He cherished them to the point that he decided to dedi-

cate his priestly life to them and requested that his ordination take place in the Mission church.

That is why Jacques's ordination was of prime importance for the Christian community at Kahnawake as well as for the Society of Jesus which, shortly after coming back to Canada in 1842, returned to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. It had been obliged to abandon the Mohawks after the death of the last Jesuit available in 1783.

The entire parish attended Jacques's ordination and shared the festive dinner which followed. As for the most important holy days, the children of the Mission had decorated the church; the well-known choir sang the most beautiful pieces of its repertory in the Mohawk language and thirty priests—twenty-five Jesuit and five diocesan—celebrated with Bishop Hubert. In a short time, thanks to Jacques' zeal and devotedness, he had identified himself with the Christian community and the Mohawks accepted him as one of theirs. After Fr. Bernard Carrière presented Jacques to the Bishop of the diocese and asked him to ordain him priest, two Amerindians, Mrs. Rita McComber and Mrs. Beverly Delorimier, bore witness to Jacques's apostolic life, and in the name of the Christian community assented to his becoming a priest.