

FIFTY YEARS!



It has taken me a long time to get some snapshots of my statue of Blessed Kateri ready to send to you. A friend of mine took them a couple of months ago, but just brought them to me last night.

I trust you will enjoy them... I have had this statue 50 years. A priest, now deceased, gave it to me in 1935 or about that time.

There are so many Indian tribes in this southwest that I hope the Catholics among them know about the Indian girl who deserves Saint-hood and will pray for that day.

Father, please keep praying for my son who is sick and, once in a while say a "Hail Mary" for me.

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✿ **Kateri's smile upon you, Miss M.L.!**

I have been meaning to renew my subscription for a long time, but I just let things slide. Now, I must. Last week I lost two very important checks. I searched for three days and was convinced that I must have burnt them. I turned to Kateri in my despair at 9 P.M. and said, "Prove your worth to me—find my checks and I will send you the only American money I have—a twenty-dollar Christmas gift." And I searched some more. While I went through my heaped up papers I came across umpteen old Kateri magazines and literature. I swear that she was teasing me. I could even feel her smiling. "O.K.," I told her. "Midnight, you've got until midnight, then I'm going to ask St. Anthony." You won't believe this but at 11:55 P.M. I moved my typewriter and there were my checks wedged under its supports. Now, I had looked behind the typewriter several times but never saw the envelope. Kateri sure smiled on me. Twenty dollars enclosed in gratitude. (Naas, Ireland)

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

JESUS THE MERCIFUL ONE — (Cont. from p. 9)

You will note that Jesus is pointing to a black line over his Heart in the icon. Although many Christ-icons have Jesus' hand raised in blessing over the area of His Heart, this is a rare one pointing to his pierced side and Heart (Jn 19: 36). You will also notice the letters **IC** (Jesus Christ), **XC** (the Conqueror), and **o elehemon** (the Merciful One). Prayerfully translated, it means: "Jesus Christ conquers with mercy." Pope John Paul II wrote in his papal document of the Mercy of God (**Dives in misericordia**) that love's second name is mercy.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. After asking for mercy, remember that Jesus is going to check up whether we made the transition from prayer to imitation. He is coming to us in the disguise of the least of the brethren asking for our love and assistance (Mt 25: 40). ♦



Obverse



Reverse

This beautiful bronze medal of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was prepared thanks to Rev. Fr. Paolo Molinari, S.J., Postulator-General of her Cause. It is 5 cm or 2 inches wide. If you are a client of the Lily of the Mohawks, you will be proud to have one. Price \$15.00

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