

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from October 23, 1986 to January 5, 1987:

Abortions Averted	1
Alcoholic Problem Solved	1
Articles Found	6
Better Health	35
Cures	14
Employment Found or Kept	30
Financial Aid	3
Happy Death	1
Lodgings	5
Peace in Family	1
Peace at Work	1
Properties Bought or Sold	10
Return to the Faith	1
Safe Trips	8
Saved from Fire	1
Spiritual Favor	1
Successful Studies	4
Successful or Averted Operations	16
Temporal Favors	14

OBITUARY: REV. ROBERT L. FLEIG, S.J.

Rev. Robert L. Fleig, S.J., parochial vicar of St. John Francis Regis Church on the St. Regis-Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation, suffered a fatal attack at the parish rectory on October 15, 1986. Efforts by the rescue squad to revive him were in vain.



Born in Albany, New York on August 30, 1931, Father Fleig was the son of the late Henry Fleig and Rose Sullivan Fleig. His early education was in Glens Falls, New York, where he graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1949. After a year at Lemoyne College, Syracuse, New York, he entered the Jesuit novitiate of St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, New York in 1951 and continued his studies at Loyola Seminary, Shrub Oak, New York.

A year of teaching at McQuaid High School, Rochester, New York, and two more at Canisius High School, Buffalo, New York were followed by theology at Weston College, Weston, Massachusetts, where he was ordained in 1963. In 1965 he rejoined the faculty of Canisius High School and during his teaching years there earned a master's degree in sociology at the University of Buffalo.

In 1972 Father Fleig was named treasurer and assistant director of the National Shrine of the North

American Martyrs, Auriesville, New York. It was during his years at Auriesville that he became increasingly involved in the cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, serving on the committee formed in 1974 to mark the tricentennial of Blessed Kateri's death, speaking to parish and school groups about her saintly life, assisting with the exhibit in her honor at the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1976, dedicating the book he authored, "The Christian Indians's Prayer," to her memory, and accompanying the group which attended the beatification ceremonies in Rome in 1980.

After two years at the Manresa Retreat House, Staten Island, New York, Father Fleig was assigned along with Rev. Thomas F. Egan, S.J. to St. Regis Mission in 1982 where they served together until this past fall.

Shocked by his sudden passing, over 1,200 of the residents of St. Regis-Akwesasne Reservation filed past the coffin of Father Fleig at the Kateri Hall, the parish activity center. Many who came to express their sympathy were adherents of other faiths including a large number who follow the traditional Indian beliefs. One of the latter wrote in the November 25 issue of *Indian Times* "The Jesuit priest, Father Fleig, was one of those rare individuals who left in his passing a spirit of commitment, cooperation, and compassion . . . He made an immediate, highly favorable impression here. Our people found it hard not to respond to the warmth and

genuine interest he showed for our community."

The author of the above-mentioned editorial observed that Father Fleig took a risk when he joined the protest last spring against the illegal speakeasies on the reserve, a step which resulted in his picture appearing in the *New York Times*.

Father Fleig is survived by a brother, Edward J. Fleig of Gloversville, New York, six nephews, three nieces, and several aunts and uncles. (See p. 28, "A Man of Peace").

Thomas F. Egan, S.J.

FR. FRANZ XAVIER WEISER, S.J. MAY HE REST IN PEACE!

At the age of 85, Rev. Francis X. Weiser, S.J., died on October 22 at Campion Hall in Weston, Massachusetts. He was the author of 22 books in German and English on Christian life and culture, and a former professor at Emmanuel and Boston Colleges.



The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated on October 22 in Holy Spirit Chapel at the Center. He is survived by two sisters and two brothers, all of his native Austria.

A Vienna native, Fr. Weiser entered the Society of Jesus in 1916, and studied in Munich and Inns-