

❁ **Kateri's smile upon you, Sr. M.R.!**

I owe a debt to Kateri and I wish to pay it before Christmas. About two months ago, two ladies and a little girl of about six years came into the gift shop at the Mission. I wanted to find out if it was their first visit—I usually speak to the children so that attracts their parents' attention, too—so, I asked her her name. She was French speaking and didn't want to talk to me. I said, "Oh! le chat a mangé ta langue!" (The cat ate your tongue!) She laughed and showed me her tongue and at that moment, I saw her medal of Kateri about her neck, so I said: "Oh! une belle petite fille comme toi, t'appelles-tu Kateri?" (Oh! a sweet little girl like you, is your name Kateri?) The mother came to me and said, "I have other children. When I became pregnant of this one, the other one before her was six and a half years old and I had always said that was enough and that was to be the end of my family! So, I went to see a Doctor for an abortion. The time and place was determined and a few weeks after, he called me to tell me that a bed was reserved for me and I was to have my abortion the next day. I said 'That's fine, I'll be there.'" The mother continued, "As I hung up, I had a vision of Kateri and something inside of me kept saying, 'Place yourself in Kateri's hands, give your child to Kateri! Trust her!'" She said she knew of Kateri but never had any devotion to her. As she went about doing her housework, the thought of Kateri was constantly with her until a few hours later when she called up the Doctor to cancel the abortion and to tell him that she would keep the little one. All went well and she called the baby, "Katherine." The mother lovingly hugged the girl to her side and with a joyful expression said, "She is a treasure! I was never sorry I kept her."

Our Blessed Kateri is a girl for four seasons, don't you think? I surely will encourage future mothers to look up to Kateri.

So far I have known two alcoholics going to Kateri and they came through with flying colors.

Also, two people with eye trouble, a pregnancy, a case of leukemia. Those favored came to say thanks to Kateri. The girl was seventeen years old and the mother wanted to show her Kateri's tomb and the place dear to Kateri's heart. A gentleman in a wheelchair for two years came dancing into the gift shop to say thank you, and as witness of his testimony he had his wife and mother with him. These are a few favors received from Kateri. I wanted to tell you about this pregnancy. Our dear Kateri is so timely.

Nineteen hundred and eighty seven is the year of the homeless: she knew that feeling, too! (Kahnawake, P.Q.)

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



THREE DAYS  
FOR KATERI



The artwork of Sister M. Jean Dorcy, O.P., depicted above, was used fifty years ago to teach Indian children how Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha kept the Ten Commandments.

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