

## EACH NEW MOON



### KATERI'S SMILE ...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from June 16 to September 29, 1987:

Alcoholic Problem Solved	6
Articles Found	6
Better Health	34
Business Bought or Sold	1
Cures	18
Employment Found or Kept	30
Financial Aid	2
Lodgings	4
Properties Bought or Sold	9
Safe Pregnancies	3
Safe Trips	16
Successful Studies	5
Successful or Averted Operations	16
Temporal Favors	22

### TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mrs. Helen Bloom, Baltimore, MD, 29; Mrs. Alice Beauchamp, Montreal, P.Q., 41.

## POPE JOHN PAUL II HASN'T FORGOTTEN BLESSED KATERI

The most important event since the end of August concerning Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, was certainly the Holy Father's visit to North America. This issue will feature his trip to Phoenix, Arizona on September 14; the next issue will be on his visit to Fort Simpson on September 20.

### KATERI FETED AT OKA, QUEBEC



From left to right: Sr. Marie-Laure Simon, C.N.D., Fr. Marcel Demers, P.S.S., and Miss Gabrielle P. Gaspé

On Tuesday, May 5, 1987, in the parish church of Oka, the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was commemorated. The pastor, Fr. Marcel Demers, P.S.S., offered the Eucharist. Sister Marie-Louise Simon, C.N.D., an Iroquois, was responsible for the first two Scripture readings and the prayers. Philippe and Jacques Quevillon of Indian parentage as well as their

sister-in-law, Louise Quevillon, were the servers.

In the homily, the pastor urged the faithful to find a model of inspiration in Blessed Kateri for a more authentic Christian life.

The ceremony ended with the veneration of a relic of the Lily of the Mohawks. It was for all a source of new joy and a sure pledge of happier days to come.

Jeanne d'Arc Gaspé

### SISTERS OF BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

During her lifetime, Kateri Tekakwitha tried to found a community of native Sisters, but was unsuccessful. Now her dream



Sr. Clare Xavier

comes true as the following lines taken from a recent issue of "Tekakwitha Notes," published by the Mohawk community of Saint Lucy's Church, Syracuse, N.Y., reveal. "On Pentecost weekend, June 5, 1987, the first Native American Religious Congregation in the name of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha began. The foundress is Sr. Clare Xavier of White Earth, Minnesota. The Congregation began in Waukesha, Wisconsin where Sister Clare attended the workshop of the Fellowship of Catholic Communities. This fellowship was formed to aid new religious communities, which are just getting started, to take the right steps and to avoid making mistakes. Those with experience were

very helpful to the newly formed groups and they were very helpful and encouraging to Sr. Clare Xavier.

"The Sisters of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will work with the poor and will also work with Native Americans. Their habits will be of the Native American style dress.

"Last summer Sr. Clare attended classes at the Good Counsel Summer School, of Waverly, Nebraska, conducted by the Institute on Religious Life, under the direction of Fr. John Hardon, S.J. This was a program of theology and spirituality for novice mistresses and formation directresses. We urge all the young ladies to think about serving the Lord through this Congregation. Whoever is interested may write to Sr. Clare at the following address: Sr. Clare Xavier, Kateri Indian Mission White Earth, Minn., 56591."

### BLESSED KATERI HONORED IN BUFFALO, N.Y.



Fr. Walter Kern, pastor of the beautiful Romanesque church of the Blessed Trinity in Buffalo, N.Y., and headquarters for the Catholic Indians of the city, advised the Kateri Center he had had several plaques of Saints and Blesseds carved by the South Towns Wood Carvers. Among them, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and St. John Neumann. "Each saint's plaque has several symbols to indicate his or her life and/or virtues. Blessed Kateri has a turtle (her clan), the rosary (her prayer life), the crucifix (her reparation) and the lily (her purity). Her clothing is simple (humble and simple lifestyle in ordinary circumstances) and her hair is braided (natural beauty enhanced by her inner holiness of life)."

"Each saint," he added, "has an ordinary face, rather than the Hollywood-type of glamorous face so frequent in the iconography of saints. This is to stress that sanctity is not supposed to be unusual but rather the outcome of a good life of Christ-like virtue in our own state in life, which we live with a great deal of love."

### BLESSED KATERI CELEBRATION AT ST. LUCY'S CHURCH

The Kateri mass celebration was held on Sunday, April 26, at the 12:00 mass. We were joined by the congregation of St. Lucy's parish and friends from the Sr. Regis Mohawk reserve, the Onondaga reserve, the Algonquins from Maniwaki and Syracuse, friends from Rochester, Utica, Pittsford

and Auriesville. It was a very happy and heart-warming celebration for our Blessed Kateri with a ceremonial blessing of the sacred pipe and sweet grass. Everyone was invited to a feast after the Mass.

### TWO VICE-POSTULATORS COMPARE NOTES



Blessed Rupert Mayer, S.J.

Father Thomas Egan, S.J., pastor of the St. Regis Iroquois Mission, had served as a chaplain in the American army and, during his stay in Germany, had become a close friend of Father Karl B. Sieben, S.J. In early spring, Father Egan learned that his friend, who is Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Father Rupert Mayer, S.J., would be in Canada during the summer. Unfortunately, Father Tom was unable to welcome him, for he was away at Berkley taking a course in pastoral theology.

Father Sieben, who is now 75 years of age, with his competent

secretary, Fraulein Steffi Diepold, arrived at the end of June. Pope John Paul II had beatified Father Mayer earlier in the year and the Vice-Postulator wanted to promote devotion to him among the German communities established from Vancouver to Halifax. During his short stay in Montreal, it was my privilege to receive him as Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. We spent the evening of July 15, together. It was a very pleasant meeting for we were able to compare notes.

I learned that Blessed Rupert had met Adolf Hitler in the political arena as early as 1919, that he quickly denounced him and made it clear in public that in his view a German Catholic could never be a Nazi. He spent many years in concentration camp, but survived the war to take up his ministry again, among the poor and handicapped. He died on November 1, 1945. As a young Jesuit, Father Sieben had known Blessed Rupert.

The next morning, July 16, my Indian secretary, Mr. Albert Lazare, drove us with Fraulein Diepold to Kahnawake. Father and I offered the Holy Sacrifice and afterwards prayed at Blessed Kateri's tomb, before dining at the rectory with the personnel, who were interested in Blessed Rupert's life. To top off his stay in Montreal, in the afternoon, we visited the beautiful Basilica of Notre-Dame and the St. Joseph Oratory. All in all, it was a stimulating experience.

### MAINE PASSAMAQUODDY HOST N.E. CONFERENCE



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Hands of peace at the closing liturgy June 28, 1987, at St. Anne's, Peter Dana Point, ME.

This year, the Passamaquoddy Indian tribe of Princetown, Maine hosted the Northeast Regional Tekakwitha Conference. With 400 conferees in attendance, the meetings were enlightening, enjoyable, and successful. Many new friendships were made as life events were shared. "A Journey of Inner Healing" was the theme of the gathering. Fr. John Spencer, whose work zeros in on drug and alcohol abuse, spoke of his success with helping children through the use of his puppets called BABES.

From St. Regis Reserve and Syracuse came fifty native Americans, who traveled the 600 miles from New York State in a chartered bus. They lent completion to the conference with their skills of singing, dancing, and acting. "Life of Tekakwitha" by the St. Lucy's Kateri Actors was deeply moving.

The closing Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Proulx of the Diocese of Portland. He rededicated the lovely St. Anne's Church and recommissioned some twelve Eucharistic Ministers.

Anne Scheuerman