

EACH NEW MOON



KATERI'S SMILE ...

Favors registered at the Kateri Center from September 30, 1987 to January 20, 1988:

Alcoholic Problem Solved	2
Articles Found	9
Better Health	30
Cures	21
Employment Found or Kept	39
Financial Aid	3
Lodgings	9
Peace in Families	2
Properties Bought or Sold	7
Return to the Faith	1
Safe Pregnancies	3
Safe Trips	13
Strikes Averted	2
Successful Studies	3
Successful or Averted	
Operations	23
Temporal Favors	21

TWENTY-FIVE PRAYER PLEDGES OR MORE

Mrs. Helen Bloom, Baltimore, MD, 31; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corkery, West Greenwich, RI, 30.

FIRST PERMANENT DEACON ORDAINED AT KAHNAWAKE

At the St. Francis Xavier Mission church in Kahnawake, on October 11, 1987, Bishop Bernard Hubert of the diocese of St. Jean-Longueuil ordained Ronald Boyer a permanent deacon. (See p. 29.)

HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II AT FORT SIMPSON



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After waiting three years, Pope John Paul II having finished his pilgrimage to the United States, met with the Dénés at Fort Simpson N.W.T. on September 20, 1987 to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice. (See p. 13.)

FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN LAY MINISTRY, SYRACUSE, N.Y.

At five o'clock in the evening, October 17, 1987, at St. Lucy's church, Syracuse, N.Y., Bishop Joseph O'Keefe presided at the liturgy and at the lay ministry commissioning of Mohawk Sarah Monroe Hasenplug and Peg Bova along with Bud Ungerer, a good

friend of the Mohawks. Under the direction of Sr. Francine Bauer, C.S.J., during two years, they prepared to bind themselves publicly to the service of God and neighbor through participation in the Formation for Ministry program; they completed courses in theology, workshops in their area of ministry, counselling and evaluation of their ministerial experiences, and through retreats nurtured their spiritual life.

WEEKEND OF PRAYER AND HEALING



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Bishops Stanislaus Brzana, Robert Lebel and Eugene LaRocque receive the offerings.

St. Regis Church in Akwesasne on the New York-Quebec-Ontario border was the scene of a historic event, a weekend of prayer and healing October 17 and 18. The three bishops who share pastoral responsibilities for the two-century old Mohawk parish led a concelebrated Mass in which twenty area priests also participated. The bishops are the Most Rev. Robert Lebel of Valleyfield, Quebec; the Most Rev. Stanislaus J. Brzana of Ogdensburg, N.Y. and the Most Rev. Eugene R. LaRocque of Alexandria-Cornwall, Ontario.

It was a thoroughly Indian liturgy in which Father John Haskell, O.F.M.Cap., of the Ojibwa nation, currently serving as president of the Tekakwitha Conference with headquarters in Great Falls, Montana, conducted a native penitential rite consisting of a purification ceremony in which sweet grass, sage, cedar and tobacco were burned. He was assisted by Deacons Richard Sayre and Dominic Eshkakogan, who serve the Objiwa Catholic congregations along the shores of Lake Superior and Lake Huron, and by Rev. Mr. Ronald Boyer of Kahnawake, who had been ordained to the diaconate just a week before.

Father Haskell and the three deacons conducted a healing Mass the previous afternoon at which the use of the sacred pipe was introduced at the offertory. Both Catholic parishioners and guests of other religious faiths were deeply impressed by the way in which native traditions were prayerfully employed to enhance the solemnity of the Holy Sacrifice. This was entirely in keeping with the directives of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, given during his recent meetings with the native peoples both at Phoenix, Arizona and at Ft. Simpson, North West Territory.

A seven-foot statue of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was blessed just prior to the bishops' Mass. This statue was planned by the St. Regis Congregation to replace a similar statue outside the Kateri Hall, the parish activity center, which was vandalized last Easter.

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