

## Happy feastday to Kateri

I hear her name amidst  
The howling winds  
And in the gentle breeze  
I hear her laughter  
In the streams and trees  
I hear her praying  
In the skies  
I watch her walking  
In the forest  
See her smile  
And listen to her sigh  
Slowly I start to realize  
She is already canonized  
In the blood  
Of her own people  
In the suffering of her race  
What we have to rediscover  
Is to wonder of His working  
The splendor of His grace  
That shines radiant in the face  
Of a young Mohawk Indian girl  
Called Kateri Tekakwitha  
I love her and I talk to her.

Brian O'Reilly, S.J.



Kateri on  
the altar at  
Pakuaushipu

Born in Auriesville, N.Y., 1656  
Baptized in Fonda, N.Y., 1676  
Died in City of St. Catherine, Quebec, 1680  
Declared venerable by Pope Pius XII, 1943  
Beatified by John Paul II, 1980

## HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP THE CAUSE

We well know that your left hand ignores what your right hand gives. Your wallet is your heart. You have the right though to know how your donations are being used.

Our KATERI CENTER must function to promote the Cause of Kateri, make the "Lily of the Mohawks" better known, ask for prayers to obtain her canonization, gather testimonies to prove the authenticity of her sainthood, show the world of today this model of faith, of innocence and of courage...

To attain these objectives, we send every day to all four corners of the world writings on Kateri, prayer pictures and religious objects to stimulate the devotion. A little publicity is sent free of charge and till now we have not even exacted the postal charges for these orders!

All this propaganda requires a qualified personnel to answer adequately to all these demands, researchers to discover new aspects of the life of Kateri which will talk more relevantly to the Christians of 1991. Unfortunately this personnel – five persons in all – cannot be remunerated according to their merits.

As for our little *Kateri* magazine with a circulation of 15,000 copies, the printing and mailing cost us a lot of money. The cost price (3.45\$) is higher than the subscriptions fee. To make up the difference, we rely on your donations. As Fr. Béchard, I dare say: "I'd like to have enough money in the bank to cover the cost of printing and mailing the next *Kateri*." S.O.S., Canada Post is increasing the rates by approximately 500.\$ per issue effective March 1.

We also need funds to publish books on Kateri. There are three books being readied for publication.

Finally, the canonization of Kateri may be close at hand. We will have to scratch the bottom of our safe to organize a celebration worthy of the event...

Conclusion: Thanks for your gifts, sometimes very generous (every penny counts). Thanks to those who renew their subscription spontaneously every year. Many thanks in advance for all your donations.

A worried Vice-Postulator,  
Jacques Bruyère S.J.