

of them were missionaries in Indian land, with a second career in the College of Quebec. The *Relations*, published annually during 40 years, from 1632 to 1672, have preserved the memory of this evangelical enterprise, after it had contributed in recruiting funds and personnel. Today yet, one must read them for that they are: an evangelical reading of the encounter of the Native and the French. Some historians, as Parkman, saw in all this but fanaticism. I don't think so. There also, one must conserve the meaning of history, acknowledge the anxiety with which the people of the 17th Century considered the eternal salvation of the non-Christian, recognize also the unconscious cultural paternalism of the men of the classic era, including the religious, but also see their unlimited good will inspired by the Gospel.

The adventure of the Jesuits and the Natives resumed when Bishop Bourget called back the Order in 1842, after 42 years of absence. Again it will be to serve the Indians in the Colleges, according to the Bishop's own writing. Soon they will be pastors of about 30 outposts North of the Great Lakes, after 1843, around Midland, Waubausheen, Wikwemekong and other areas: the Jesuits of the English Province are in charge today. In Quebec they will take back the mission of Kahnawake (1667-1783, then 1903...) of Akwesasne (1753-1783, then 1903...) Kateri Tekakwitha, blessed and sure enough a canonized saint one day is their patroness.

As I am an old hand at canoe-camping, allow me to add a word of admiration for these untiring canoeists who went to the end of this continent: Fr. Jean de Quen, to the Hudson Bay via the Saguenay River in 1670, Jacques Marquette down the Mississippi in 1673, Jean-Pierre Aulneau to the Rocky Mountains in 1730. One must have experienced this. This is also part of the old friendship, no doubt at times, unskilful, but very serious, between the Natives and the Jesuits.

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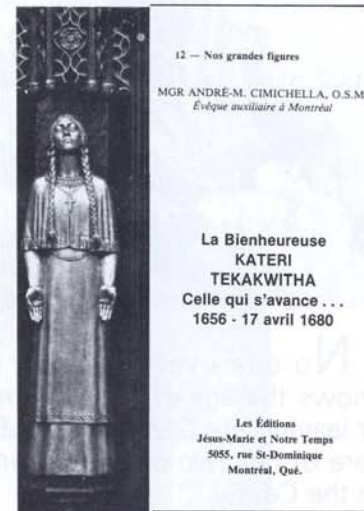
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