



The Jacques Soganésé Roll

An Iroquois convert who arrived, in 1671, at the Mission of Notre-Dame de Foye (later named Notre-Dame de Lorette). He preferred to practise Christianity in poverty rather than accept the presents that his non-Christian parents offered him not to leave them. An ardent lay missionary, he preached continually in his longhouse, so much so that it aggravated his wife Cecile, who was also a fervent Christian. He was particularly interested in seeing that all went well in the families. Despite his poverty, he welcomed guests to partake of his food in order that he could instruct them and have them baptised. During the hunting season, he preached to some of his companions from the Iroquois cantons who were not Christians. When the group returned from the hunt, all these non-Christians found themselves instructed in the mysteries of the Faith.

1. Mr. Clément Paquin
2. A Soul in Purgatory
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7. Mrs. Frances Scozzie
8. Mr. Rolland Cyr
9. Mr. Léo Caron
10. Mr. Marcel Pigeon
11. A Soul in Purgatory
12. A Soul in Purgatory
13. Mrs. Lucienne Ménard
14. Mr. Roger Brenes
15. Mr. Romain Bertrand
16. Mrs. Lillian Baker
17. A Soul in Purgatory
18. Mr. Pierre Caron
19. Mr. Eric Lebel
20. Mr. Edgar V. Brideau
21. A Soul in Purgatory
22. Mrs. Louise Rice
23. Mr. Roland Lévesque
24. Miss Violet Brightnose
25. Mr. William Mercredi
26. Mr. Normand Pouliard
27. Mr. Benito P. Lim
28. Rev. Fernand Ouellette
29. Miss Susan N. M. Nowacki
30. Mr. Robert Sofranski
31. Miss Martine Langlais
32. Miss Sonia Pelletier
33. Rev. John Austin Sweeney
34. A Soul in Purgatory
35. A Soul in Purgatory
36. Mr. Bertrand Roy
37. Miss Leana Brideau
38. Dr. Patricia Giovannetti
39. Mr. Oscar Goudreault
40. Mr. Dolphis Dubé
41. A Soul in Purgatory
42. Mrs. Huguette Landry
43. Mrs. Eather Bond-Morris
44. Mr. William Vadnais
45. Bro. O. O'Regan, O.M.I.
46. Mrs. Jeanne Carrier
47. Mr. Dennis Albany
48. Mr. Lucien Neveu
49. A Soul in Purgatory
50. Mr. Yvan St-Germain
51. Mr. Anthony J. Abbate
52. Mrs. Marge Noone
53. Mr. Frank Theriault
54. A Soul in Purgatory
55. Rev. Henri Béchar, S.J.
56. Mrs. Louise G. Bégin
57. Mr. Joseph Jakum
58. Miss Caroline Chabot
59. Mr. Omer LeBlanc
60. Miss Sylvana Phillin Niang
61. Mr. Gaston Dubois
62. Miss Jeanne Gosselin
63. Mr. Raymond Laporte
64. Mrs. Myriam Chevrier
65. Mr. Roger St-Hilaire
66. Mr. William Tétreault
67. A Soul in Purgatory
68. Mrs. Roseanna LaBarre
69. A Soul in Purgatory
70. Mr. Alphonse Bezaire
71. Mr. Paul Pelletier
72. A Soul in Purgatory
73. Mrs. Jeannine Laprès
74. Mr. Adrien Therrien
75. Mrs. Mary Ann Colton
76. A Soul in Purgatory
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78. A Soul in Purgatory
79. Miss Katherine Wand
80. A Soul in Purgatory
81. Mr. Albién Bouffard
82. Mr. Joseph L'Heureux
83. A Soul in Purgatory
84. Mrs. Rosa Rousseau
85. Miss Bernadette Malenfant
86. Mr. Robert Gagné
87. A Soul in Purgatory
88. Mrs. Louise L. Whitton
89. Mrs. Agnes Theriault
90. Mrs. Jeanne Sullivan Melville
91. Mrs. Ira Huffam
92. Mr. Thomas Morrissette
93. Sr. Mary Paul Oliver
94. Mr. Philippe Lemay
95. Mr. Adrien Therrien
96. Mr. Onil Gervais
97. Mr. Sylva Roussel

Happy Anniversary, blessed Kateri (April 17)

Kateri Tekakwitha des Iroquois
(1656-1680)



In this icon Kateri wears typical Iroquois clothing and a blue blanket from French traders. In her right hand she bears one of the most important symbols from her culture, the tree of peace. By the mid-15th century blood feuds had almost destroyed her people. A holy man named Dekanadidah appeared, preaching peace and reconciliation. He taught that all people were brothers and sisters and that differences were better solved by discussion than war. Through his influence, the five Iroquois tribes formed a

unified government and stopped fighting among themselves. The symbol of this vision was a huge tree under which all peoples could find peace. When more people would come, the branches of the tree would simply grow longer. An eagle lived at the top of the tree and warned the people whenever peace was threatened. The tree, like all the earth, rode on the back of a giant turtle.

The symbols of the Iroquois remind us that differences in culture are not threats to Church unity, but gifts of the Holy Spirit. Every people and culture brings to the Church new insights for understanding the Gospel. After three centuries, Kateri's people are beginning to return to the wisdom of their own culture. They may have first received the Gospel from the French, but they remain Iroquois Christians.

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