



The Martin Skondegonrasken Roll

Martin Skondegonrasken, one of Kateri's contemporaries was only 18 years old when he settled down at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in 1673. Predisposed to Christianity, he was baptized after only two months of probation. He had a great devotion to Mary. During the Xmas hunt, he fell seriously ill. In the heart of the forest, Our Lady appeared to him three times. Soon he would be with her in paradise, she promised. He died on Xmas day.

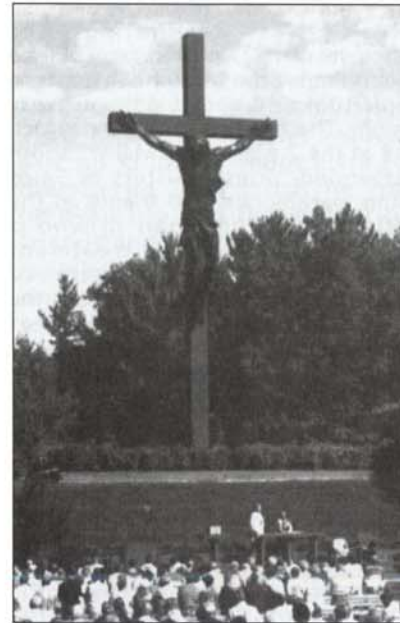
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| 3. Miss Rose Anna Mallet | 23. Mrs. Richard J. Taylor | 43. Mrs. Napoléon Meilleur |
| 4. Miss Léonie Girard | 24. Mrs. Mary Frances Neubold | 44. Mr. Pierre Caron |
| 5. A Soul in Purgatory | 25. Mr. Gérard Chagnon | 45. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 6. Mr. Levite Picard | 26. Mr. Denis Robichaud | 46. Mr. Fred Bvono |
| 7. Mr. Vincent M. Charamella | 27. Mrs. Marguerite Dumaine | 47. Miss Rose-Alma Tchernoff |
| 8. Mr. Edgar V. Brideau | 28. Mr. Camille Roy | 48. Mrs. Yvonne Servante |
| 9. Mr. Alonzo Godbout | 29. Mr. Paul-Emile Laplante | 49. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 10. Mr. Robert Birch | 30. Mr. Delford Van Leuvan | 50. Mr. Noël Paris |
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| 14. Mr. Donat Giroux | 34. Mr. Lévi Thibodeau | 54. Mr. Thurbide Corriveau |
| 15. Miss Nancy Frost | 35. Mr. Fulton Monroe Green | 55. Mrs. Hélène Cantin |
| 16. Mr. Earl Frost | 36. A Soul in Purgatory | 56. Mr. René Charest |
| 17. Mr. Roger Fortier | 37. Mr. Claude Gagné | 57. Mr. Robert Diotte |
| 18. Mr. Paul Pépin | 38. Miss Mary Lou Green | 58. Mrs. Alice Brideau |
| 19. Mr. Martin LeBreton | 39. Mrs. Florence St-Pierre | 59. Mr. Jean-Paul Fortin |
| 20. Mr. Michael Prendergast | 40. Miss Marie-France Breault | 60. Mr. Paul-Emile Servant |



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The Cross in the Woods



The world's largest crucifix, the Cross in the Woods was erected in the Indian River, Michigan, in 1959.

The 31-foot - bronze Christ figure is mounted on a 55-foot-tall, 22-foot-wide redwood cross. The 60-foot steel cross near Unionville Pa. is the world's largest cross, however the Cross in the Woods has the world's largest crucifix.

The cross in the Woods traces its origin to the Rev. Charles D. Brophy, a Catholic priest in the Indian River area inspired by the story of a young woman, Kateri Tekakwitha. After she became a Christian, she made crosses of sticks which she placed throughout

the woods of her Native New York State.

Fr Brophy wanted to build a crucifix in the woods as a tribute to Kateri's Christian spirit and he decided the quiet forest near Burt Lake was the perfect site.

Kateri was a lover of the Cross. Even after her death she appeared to her friend and recommended the devotion to the Holy Cross.

Indian honored as missionary

Harry Blue Thunder, 86, last remaining member of a group of Indians who aided Jesuit missionaries in teaching Christianity on reservations of the Old West, was honored Oct. 31 for his missionary work. He received the Catholic Church Extension Society's Lumen Christi award at St. John's Seminary in Boston.

Blue Thunder, a Lakota Sioux from the remote Rosebud reservation in South Dakota, is the last survivor of a group of 96 Indian evangelists which was created shortly after the last battle of the Sioux was in 1890. They performed duties now usually done by deacons.

"This is the untold story of a courageous group of Native Americans who were extending the faith to their own people at a very critical time in American Native history," said Extension Society president, the Very Rev. Edward J. Slatery.