

Hommage to a Great Lady:

(A Friend of Kateri)

Good works go unnoticed. This is how Alma spent her days on this planet earth. The cross and suffering moulded in her an incomparable soul. All her life, she knew how to forget herself, give herself, love, forgive against the whole world. She consecrated herself entirely to the service of others arms widely stretched out, welcoming one and all, helping the others, whoever they were, to go to the limits of themselves.

A woman of *FAITH*, *HOPE* and *COURAGE*.

Even downed by sickness, her faith never failed, clinging to life against all hope. Cured of "a huge mass" on the pancreas by Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in 1988, very grateful, she missed no occasion to make this Blessed better known and spread her devotion. The more she was sick the more she would fight to live very fully every minute that she had to live. On the advice of a priest, she started to ask for a total cure, confiding in the will of God. *FAITH*, *HOPE* and *COURAGE* were her apanage. This she showed till her last breath.

A woman of *TRUTH*, of *PERSPICACITY* and *FAITH*. Who ever came to her, she gave to one and all a chance, trustting and helping others. She knew how to valorize others bringing the best out of them, forcing to come out all that boils within, as so many buds



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cracking with vitality. She was a lady of *DUTY*, a lady with one word, She loved good and beauty, inspiring goodness, meekness and the joy of living to those who came close to her. Her personality was attractive. Moreover she had something which made her really interesting and captivating, always smiling and radiating goodness.

A lady of *GENEROSITY*. Everyone received from her, acquaintances or strangers, rich or poor, to all without exception, she gave and gave without prejudice. All received a gift of herself. The most miser-

able, the less loved, the rejected, the most in need had a special place in her heart, never hesitating to share her coat, her roof, her gifts, her possessions. She consumed herself up, body and soul during 10 years on the Lower North Shore. She even sacrificed her health there. She preached all her life by example. Delicate, sensitive, "a glutton for work", Alma was an *EDUCATOR* in its full meaning, with all the strength of her soul. She added life to her years. As she received a lot she gave a lot, without counting, passing by silently, sowing good around her, not expecting any return.

**Alma was this
MISSIONARY APOSTLE.**

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registred at the Kateri Center from November 4, 1992 to February 2, 1993.

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| Articles Found | 5 |
| Better Health | 14 |
| Cures | 14 |
| Employment Found or Kept | 12 |
| Financial Aid | 6 |
| Lodgings | 1 |
| Peace in Families | 1 |
| Properties Bought or Sold | 3 |
| Safe Pregnancies | 3 |
| Successful Studies | 1 |
| Successful or Averted Operations | 6 |
| Temporal Favors | 5 |

Novena to Kateri

Her feast-day will be celebrated at her Shrine in Kahnawaké on April 18. The novena will then start on April 10th at the Mission, Easter being on the second day. Please send us your intentions in advance and order your novena book (\$2 plus postage).

Are you changing address?

After the Xmas Season, there were many returns of the Kateri magazine or letters to the Centre, on account of changed addresses. If you foresee moving soon, please let us know. You will help us to save postage stamps and assure a better delivery. Thanks for helping us to help you.

Kateri at the Gesu in Montreal

The Gesu Church is the oldest Jesuit church in Montreal, Quebec. During

the last resoration an altar was set aside for the founders of the Church of Canada and Blessed Kateri is consi-



dered one of them. Bishop Saint-Vallier who had made a pilgrimage to her tomb had said: "Kateri was the protectress of the Church of Canada". There are first-class relics attached to every picture. This historical monument of the Gesu is always opened to your veneration.

New Kateri hymn on Cassette

Mrs Marlene Élias of Newbury Park California, made a special recording of a hymn to Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks. The lyrics are hers. As for Maria on Side B, the Music and lyrics are attributed to another friend of Kateri and to Marlene. They were kind enough to dedicate the hymn to the Vice-Postulator working on Blessed Kateri's canonization "whose love an devotion to her helped inspire this song". Thanks to Marlene and Bill. The cassette is limited in number. It may be obtained at the Center for **\$5.00** U.S. plus postage.

Painting of David Ciampichini,
Chatham, New Jersey.
He wished to reproduce
the serenity and interior
beauty of Kateri,
on a real Indian background.

