

BLESSED KATERI makes a trip to Asia (continued)

sanctuary, then invited me to preach at every mass. The church was filled every time with adults, children and... a few dogs, very pious at that! After the celebration, these lovely people came up to touch the holy picture, after Fr Martinson himself had explained how very soon she would be a patron-saint for these First Nations inhabitants, so many all over the world. I was wearing my beaded-necklace of Bl. Kateri and I was told in Chinese that another tribe on the East Coast also made similar bead-work. Again petitions were signed and these good people made me promise that I would notify them as soon as Kateri was canonized.

On April 17, I paid a visit to another mission on the East side to Taiwan, where Father

Beauregard, a Canadian Jesuit is pastor. Bl. Kateri followed me again and there also she met quite a few aborigines. Unfortunately many were away that Sunday to attend a Chinese "pow-wow" in the neighboring town.

I have to mention that many of these aborigines are working all over the island, mainly in the cities, so they are seen in the parish only on big feastdays. No jobless in Taiwan.

In the Hualien diocese, many aborigines are Catholics; there is even a Native Congregation, the Sisters of St. Martha.

On April 19, I flew to Manila where I would spend 10 days. After inquiring I learnt that it was not safe to go to the mountains and moreover the roads had been very badly



With the Aborigenes of Ching Chüan in the mountains of Taiwan.



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Young Indigenous in Fr Beauregard's Parish, in Nan-Ao, Taiwan. Right; old house, left; new house .

damaged by earthquakes, and the government being busy with other problems – like solving the electricity problem – had no time to work on it yet.

But I met Bishop Claver in Manila, who is a Jesuit of Igorote origin. He knew all about Kateri since he spent a year as tertian in Auriesville, N.Y.

As there were 8 hours of "brown-outs" a day in Manila, I just couldn't get organized, so poor Kateri was kind of neglected.

I distributed my pictures of Kateri with the prayer to obtain her canonization.

Everywhere I went I spoke of her and it stirred a lot of interest. On my way back, flying from Hong Kong to Montreal, I was sitting by a Japanese Lady and sharing with her my calling-card: Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause. The questions then came out and I had to explain to her the whys doings of saints.

Even as a non-Christian, she seemed to be quite impressed and who knows if she will not come to Kahnawake, now that Kateri and I have returned from our trip to the Orient.

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The Sacro Costato Sisters sing at the mass for Kateri.