



PLEDGE

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Pan-American Indian Association

INSOFAR AS I AM ABLE, I PLEDGE:

1. To honor and respect the traditions of Indian peoples, and of my own or my adopted people.
2. To study the history, language and culture of my ancestral, or my adopted people.
3. To live as simply and naturally as possible, and to stay free from commercial pressures and the enslavement of their temptations.
4. To surround myself with beautiful objects which will remind me of my heritage.
5. To become aware of the needs of others in my community, and come to the aid of those I can help.
6. To visit and honor, at least once in my life, my ancestral Home and the remnants of my people's culture.
7. To look for ways to better the well being, the reputation and the progress of tribal people, and of each person around me.
8. To make a quest for a Vision at least once in my life, and to respect the rights of everyone to follow his/her vision.
9. To promote the preservation and restoration of sacred places and sacred objects, and to oppose the commercialization of any people's ceremonies, places or objects, or the desecration of ancient burial sites.
10. To obtain for myself the highest and best education, both in the ways of this society, and in the cultural heritage of my people.
11. To work for the conservation and the restoration of the Environment.
12. To keep from, or to free myself from, addiction to drugs, alcohol, or any substance or behavior which would dishonor my name or that of my people.

KATERI CENTER NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from May 9 to August 22, 1994.

Articles Found	4
Better Health	15
Cures	6
Employment Found or Kept	16
Financial Aid	2
Lodgings	2
Properties Bought or Sold	4
Safe Pregnancies	2
Safe Trips	5
Successful Studies	6
Successful or Averted Operations	5
Temporal Favors	12

Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

A Sister of Mary Reparatrix, Montreal, QC, 30.

Kateri's Feastday in Auriesville

Thanks to Fr John Paret S.J. Director of the Shrine at Auriesville, Fr Jacques Bruyère S.J. Canadian Vice-Postulator of Kateri's Cause was invited to preside the celebration for Kateri's Feastday Mass, on July 10, 1994.



Fr J. Bruyère delivers the homily.

As usual, a good crowd attended the Mass in the huge Coliseum.

The ceremony started with the Sweet grass Ceremony i.e. the purification rites and the

Deacon Daniel Dauvin and his family sit at mass.



Sacred Pipe i.e. an homage to God and His creation, in all directions.

The homily was about "The Family and Kateri". A must topic during the International Year of the Family. Father Bruyère said that God created man and woman so that they could form a family. God willing, and not only the mother willing, children could come about from such a union. Giving birth is something great. Educating a child is even more marvelous and rewarding. And education starts at home. Bl. Kateri received the very best from her parents: her father was a brave and responsible Indian Chief and her mother a lover of Jesus. With these sound assets and the work of the Spirit in her, Kateri became a saint.

Mrs Elaine Cook was the recipient of Tekakwitha Award this year, because of her devotion to Kateri's Cause and to her Church at St Regis Mission, Hogsburg N.Y.

Deacon Daniel Dauvin, an Algonquin Indian, besides leading the singing during Mass gave an explanation and a performance of his Sacred Heart Drum. "His Heart resounds with love in the four directions.P

Bl. Kateri was honored in Auriesville once again. Next year will it be as a declared saint?

J.B.