



Blessed Kateri's permanent resting place. A gift of the Daughters of Isabella and of the O'Brien family, the tomb was designed by architect Charles-E. Piché and made of Carrara marble by Aiello Monuments. Bishop Gérard-M. Coderre blessed it on Dec. 17, 1972.



Photo: Paul Hamel, S.J.

April 17, 1983: Blessed Kateri is officially declared the second patron of the mission and the latter to be also the "Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha". Behind Bishop Hubert are FF. Henri Béchar, S.J. and Léon Lajoie, S.J.

"Whether we are working in our own culture or in another, as servants of the Gospel we must not impose our own cultural structures, but witness to the creativity of the Spirit which is also at work in others."

A Couple of Anniversaries

Sept. 28, 1986: Fr. Lajoie celebrates the 25th anniversary of his arrival in Kahnawake, with Brenda Rice and her mother, along with friends Jeannine Burgess and Roy Hepburn.



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Nov. 17, 1990: celebrating his 50th anniversary of religious life, Fr. Lajoie is inducted honorary chief of the Iroquois nation with the name Sakohawi ("he who leads/guides, carrying the load/burden").

"Ultimately, the people of a culture are the ones who root the Church and the Gospel in their lives."