



## CHRISTMAS! Gifts! CHRISTMAS! Gifts!

- 1 The latest biography of Blessed Kateri by Fr Henri Béchard s.j. 219 pages: **\$10.**
- 2 Statue of Blessed Kateri (ivory, bronze, colored) 8 1/2": **\$15.**
- 3 A pack of ten new postcards on Kateri and the Shrine: **\$5.**
- 4 The Special Issue of Kateri on the 150th Anniversary of the Church, now Kateri's Shrine: **\$3.**
- 5 T-Shirts: white with lovely blue design of Blessed Kateri, all sizes: **\$10.**
- 6 A subscription to the quarterly Kateri magazine: **\$5.**
- 7 A gift to Blessed Kateri, i.e. to the Kateri Center... so we can continue to serve you.



*Many thanks in advance.*



### A prayer



**(inspired by the pilgrimage of 1400 Natives on August 4)**

*Kateri, Blessed Kateri, people gathered here from  
all over the world for your cause.  
From life's hustle and bustle they took a spiritual pause,  
To pray for the miracle that you need,  
To thank God for your help with our pleas.  
You are a special friend in our spiritual life,  
Never forgetting us in our times of strife.  
We from Kahnawake to you feel so close  
Because here was the new home that you chose.  
Mohawk maiden, you walk among us today as you did years ago;  
Your spirit of innocence and love is still aglow.  
We ask you to remember us, Lily of the Mohawk,  
As through life's hurdles each one of us does walk.  
We know, loving God is your style.  
And when we reach heaven's gate,  
we know you will greet us with your beautiful smile.*

**Kateri's friend, Patricia Jacobs.**



## KATERI NEWS

FAVORS registered at the Kateri Center from June 9 to October 31, 1995.

Articles Found	5
Better Health	16
Cures	16
Employment Found or Kept	18
Financial Aid	1
Lodgings	1
Peace in the Family	1
Properties Bought or Sold	6
Safe Pregnancies	1
Safe Trips	13
Successful or Averted Operations	11
Successful Studies	6
Temporal Favors	3

### Twenty-five Prayer Pledges or More

Mr. Léo Raymond, Lachute, QC, 31;  
A Sister of Marie-Réparatrix, Montreal, QC, 86.

### Saint Peter Parish in Vergennes in love with Bl. Kateri

St. Peter is Parish commemorated again the Feast of Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha on July 15. Father Donald Ward representing St Isaac Jogues, arrived by canoe at the Otter Creek Falls with Kateri (Sarah Kateri Mannin) and bowman, "Karrhio", a relative (Joe Semanchik).

Following a welcome at the Falls, Fr J. Bruyère s.j. and Albert Lazare being present, the pilgrims, processed to mass at 5 p.m. and Holy Communion led by "Kateri".

Bl. Kateri risked her life (as well as Karrhio and his companion) to obtain her first Holy Communion, after a 250-mile canoe "Tekakwitha Communion Trail" trek, from St-Peter's Chapel at Fonda, N.Y., in 1677, along Lake Champlain.

Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", lilies adorned the altar and garden statuettes. The Vice-Postulator assisted by Albert celebrated the Mass.

### Kateri priest dies in bike accident



Father Jim Plavcan O.F.M. Conv, director of Kateri's Shrine at Fonda, was on his way to attend the annual Tekakwitha Conference. He was riding his bicycle in a pledge drive for American Indian children at Navaho and Zuni reservations. Apparently the front wheel hit a crevice on the highway, that hurled him over the bike, causing fatal the head injury.

He was very well esteemed in Fonda and wherever he missioned before. He was a "people person" and also very spiritual. Full of dynamism, he and Brother Ken did a remarkable work at Fonda. "Nobody smiles easier than Father Jim. He liked to tell jokes..."

The personnel of Auriesville, Akwesasne and Kahnawake will miss his joviality and spirit of cooperation. May we, as he, be "humble servants for the Cause of Kateri. ■"