

April 17

Feastday of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

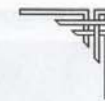
Her Feast will be celebrated at her Shrine in
Kahnawke, on Sunday April 20th, at 11 a.m.
You are all invited



*Kateri Tekakwitha Window
in St. Bernard's Church, Youngstown, New York
made of "chunk glass" which is rather thick
but also limits the details in the window
except for those painted on for the hands and face.
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KATERI TEKAKWITHA



O Kateri, listen to us.
For us, you belong to the great Native peoples
Who always lived in America.
In your nation, they call you Tekakwitha.
Your mother taught you to walk on straight paths.

She sings and recites the Ave Maria with you
Cause in your heart, one can guess your piety.
But alas, at four, you became an orphan.
You pray to forget your sorrow.

For the Algonquins have been educated
In the religion that speaks of the true God.
And when the missionaries came to your village
they marvelled at your fervor.

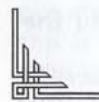
When you became 18, you rejoiced
For the religious instruct in the faith.
They baptize you and make you choose your way.
Happy, you take the name Kateri.

With His love, you leased an exemplary life
You become the spouse of your beloved Christ.
Full of humility, of zeal and clarity.
O! you this young virgin with lovely pure eyes.

You repose close to us in Kahnawake.
Your pure heart brings a testimony
For all Indians, you are the vibrant image
Of a life of hope, Alleluia!

Chorus: O Kateri, o blessed Kateri
You who are close to Our Father in Heaven
You the young fairy of Heaven
Show us the way to God.

With fervor, for the salvation of our soul
Help to keep this purity
You who are an eternal flame
You whom we call the Lily of The Mohawks.



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