

Reaching 80

The first 80 years are the hardest.

The second 80, as my experience so far goes, are a succession of birthday parties.

Everybody wants to carry your luggage and help you up stairs. If you forget anybody's name, or forget to fulfill an appointment, or promise to be at two or three places at the same time, or spell words wrong . . . you can explain you are 80.

If you spill soup on your necktie, or if you take another man's hat by mistake, or fail to mail a letter and carry it in your pocket for a week . . . you are 80.

So, you can relax with no misgivings. For you have a perfect alibi for everything. When you are 80 nobody expects much of you. If you act silly, it is your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

EIGHTY is a great deal better than being 65 or 70. At that time you are expected to retire to a little house in British Columbia or Florida and become discontented, grumbling, limping, ... a "has been". But if you survive till 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive, surprised that you can still walk, that you can still talk above a whisper, and surprised if you reveal signs of lucid intervals. At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 they forgive you everything.

If you ask me "LIFE BEGINS AT 80".

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KATERI CENTER NEWS

Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from August 23 to October 24, 2001

Better Health	10	Safe Pregnancy	1
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Employment Found or Kept	11	Successful or Averted Operation	1
Financial Aid	1	Successful Studies	2
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

...to all the friends of Kateri, from the personnel of the Kateri Centre. Many thanks for your generous support of the Cause. A big wish for 2002: may you see Blessed Kateri publicly proclaimed a Saint by Pope John Paul II.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO KATERI

A spiritual donation is a must to get her canonized. As for the material support, here are some suggestions:

- make sure that you have paid your subscription (\$5 a year only);
- add a relative or a friend to our subscriber's list;
- send your personal gift with your intentions to the Kateri Centre, Box 70, Kahnawaké, QC J0L 1B0. Sincere thanks!

SPECIAL THANKS

... to Mrs. Anne Scheuerman who is the official photographer of the Kateri Center since many years.

A SAD DAY FOR THE STEELWORKERS

How many Mohawks from Kahnawaké worked on the building of the WTC towers, God knows... Many of them saw the horrible scene from heaven. Many on TV. A few went to see the debris and were willing to work on rescue operations. We feel sad with all the North American Indians.

EXTRACTS OF A LETTER FROM Fr ED. RYDER, S.J., PROMOTER OF KATERI'S CAUSE IN TAIWAN

"Here is a life of Kateri, illustrated for children. I also had 6000 praying cards printed... Sr Elenapina of Na Luo let us know that she is having a big statue of Kateri carved. There are already many small ones.

Anyway, you may be assured that 11 aborigine villages confided to the Jesuits have become a Centre of devotion to Blessed Kateri. This accomplishment is really God's work."

