

A new Shrine dedicated to Blessed Kateri

It's in February 2002 that the cross was erected in Pawkuska, Oklahoma. Its dedication to Blessed Kateri is of no surprise since she loved the cross so much, especially because her lover was nailed to it. He so loved the world...

This shrine is due to the initiative of Mrs Opal Rector, a member of the Osage tribe, who says that she received many favors through the intercession of Blessed Kateri. "My goal is to share my blessings with my tribe who has been through some very troublesome times. I want them to know she is there to intercede for them...My prayer is that it will be a beacon to those who want and need a visible and tangible place for inspiration and meditation, perhaps even to unite them as closely as past decades have served to divide them."

The architect has drawn up exciting plans of a shrine in the back of beautiful trees, a meditation pool with a waterfall overflowing



The Cross at Pawkuska, Oklahoma

gigantic boulders with a life-size statue of Kateri close to the 24' cross. Plans also include stations of the cross. Mrs Rector can follow the developments of her shrine from home only, by phone especially, as she is sitting in a wheelchair suffering from cancer and diabetes and receiving treatments of chemotherapy. She can't even go to the Immaculate Conception Church of Pawkuska. But from afar she has suggested the symbols to attach to the Cross: the Trinity, the Crown of Thorns, the Lily and Feathers - all those have been inspired to her by Blessed Kateri herself. "I am very confident, says Mrs Rector, that the Shrine once built, the people will come. The Shrine will be a durable beauty and a beacon, not only for the Osage tribe members but also for all who follow the example of her lover, devotion and dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us pray that Blessed Kateri will be canonized soon.

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