

This Year as it Begins

My God,
I offer You this year which begins
It's a fragment of time so precious
that you gave us to serve you.
I put it under the sign of fidelity
See that it will be a long ascension towards You
and that every day may find me
richer of faith and love.

O God, I offer You all those I love
Don't permit me to fail them
but that I may be for them
the invisible channel of your grace
and that my life may manifest your love

My God, I offer you also
the immense pain of this world
that you created and redeemed
the suffering of innocent children
the long loneliness of the exiled
the anguish of the leaders
and this load which weighs so
heavily on me

My God
May a spark of your charity
burst out in our darkness and
that the dawn of peace may
rise during this year.
I beg you this in union with
your saints
with your Church
with your Son Jesus-Christ, Prince of peace.

MADELEINE DANIELOU



KATERI CENTER NEWS

Favors

registered at the Kateri Center from August 26, to October 28, 2002

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75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KATERI TRADITIONAL POSTER

Mother Margaret Mary Nealis R.S.C.J. (a sister of the Sacred Heart from Northern Montreal) painted this image of Kateri Tekakwitha in 1927. She is depicted as coming from the St.

Lawrence River and advancing along a woodland path towards a large cross. It is one of the most popular in circulation, even today. The original portrait is in the Jesuit rectory at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier in Kahnawaké.

LATEST NEWS

The Tekakwitha Conference Center now has a website : www.tekconf.org
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30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KATERI CHAPLET

Elizabeth Kisela of Dearborn Heights, Michigan had a vision in 1972 after reading a booklet on the life of Kateri. It left Betty with a deep love of Kateri and became "hooked" on her. On April 16, 1972, the eve of Kateri's feast day, Betty had a vision and felt Kateri's presence and was given this message from Kateri: "Make me an Indian rosary!" This

was the birth of the Kateri Chaplet as we pray it today with its crystal brown and red beads and mineral cross. Betty's father began making the chaplets at his daughter's instruction until he joined Kateri in 1977. Then Chet and Cecil Adams undertook the ministry to make the rosaries for love of Kateri. A number of people continued to keep the ministry going. Today, there are many Kateri groups who make and pray the Kateri Chaplets. Devotion to Kateri has increased as people pray the chaplets in a very meaningful and inspirational way. Betty, thank you for following your "Kateri vision"!

HELP ME TO THANK THE LORD

The more you advance in age, the more you are grateful for the past and the more you believe that God is the greatest of benefactors. This year, the V.P. is celebrating his 60 years of religious life. 60 years ago, he was entering the novitiate of the Jesuits in Montreal. Then, from year to year, he felt the shower of graces falling from heaven. His family was a great grace, his sister missionary with him, his studies in St. Boniface College, where his vocation matured, his ordination by Cardinal Léger in Montreal, his stay in Beijing and Taiwan as a missionary, his ministry in the Philippines, all the Asians he met in so many countries, all his Canadian and American benefactors, his return to Canada, his nomination as Mission Procurator and Superior in Quebec, and finally his last but none the least grace. His nomination as V.P. of Kateri's Cause. "I can say that every subscriber ok Kateri and all the friends of Blessed Kateri are for me a grace...Thanks to God. Thanks for all those you made me meet during these sixty short years!"

I. B., s. j.