

Kateri's Feastday on April 17

To be celebrated on April 27



CATHERINE TÉKAKWITHA

Iroquois virgin, who passed away as a saint in Caughnawaga
on April 17, 1680

RESURRECTION

When the moon and the stars
Shall be dimmed on that Last Day,
The angels will sound the alarm
To assemble the nations.
Then from all the graveyards
The departed will arise,
The forbears of our fathers
And the glories of the past,
Among the host of the patriarchs,
Coming forth from ancient days,
Old Noah in his ark,
Will astound both young and old.
Perched upon his ladder,
Jacob will judge from on high,
Famous Diogenes
Strolling in his barrel.

In their artful wrappings,
The mummies in the museums
Will come out of their sarcophagi,
For one more eternity
Archimedes in his bathtub
Will overflow with emotion
At the sight of the famed navigators
And before the swimming champions
The storied lovers
Will be able to love again,
And Anthony and Cleopatra
Will again meet "nose to nose",
And in their immortal lovemaking
They will recount again their hope,
While listening with one ear
To the music of Mozart.

In the show-cases of the Booksellers,
Plato, Goethe, Mallarme
Will read again their life's work,
Face to face with posterity.
Charles V und Charlemagne,
Will visit on a bicycle
The old battlefields
And the Lion of Waterloo.
Velasquez and Michael Angelo,
Will know each other from afar,
filled with unalloyed joy,
Will sketch the Cro-Magnon man.
To do their good deed,
And to feed the starving,
The boy-scouts of Alaska
Will sell Eskimo Pies.

The photographer reporters
Will ambush Bayard, the knight,
And the invaluable bathysphere
Of the great Professor Picard;
The blessed Dominic,
And St. Francis, found again,
Will sip their benedictine
To celebrate their friendship.
Imagine the rejoicing
Which will burst forth on that day,
And merry humanity
Will be reborn for eternity,
When the Elect of the earth
Shall enter the land
That God promised to their forefathers,
To be resurrected to the true life.

Lyrics and Music by Sœur Sourire, o.p.