



## Chief Joseph Rontagarha Roll

In 1677, Joseph Rontagarha, then twenty-five years of age, came to live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. He had already been to France and had showed himself a fairly good Christian after his return. Following a hunting expedition with Tiouasteskon, a Mohawk brave, member of the Holy Family Association, he became a devout church-goer. The conversations with his friend led him to a personal love of Christ. He often collected the children of the neighborhood in his longhouse and taught them the Creed and other prayers which were sung at church, much to the satisfaction of the Blackrobes.

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| 1. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier      | 28. Miss Johanne Robichaud    | 55. Msgr. Raymond Roy      |
| 2. Mr. Lucien Julien           | 29. Mr. Alfred Goguen         | 56. A Soul in Purgatory    |
| 3. Mr. Ildas LeBlanc           | 30. Mrs. Simone Lauzier       | 57. Mr. Michel Haché       |
| 4. Mrs. Yvonne Gallant         | 31. Mr. Alphonse Haché        | 58. Mr. Guy Lainesse       |
| 5. Mr. Philippe Gionet         | 32. Mr. Lionel Gionet         | 59. Mr. Pierre Lévesque    |
| 6. Mr. Adiren Michaud          | 33. Mrs. Michèle Vaillancourt | 60. Mr. Benoit Boulet      |
| 7. Mr. Alban Savoie            | 34. Mrs. Gabrielle Brien      | 61. A Soul in Purgatory    |
| 8. Mrs. Jean Pearls            | 35. Miss Jeanne Mance         | 62. Mrs. Anna Bourgoïn     |
| 9. Mrs. Gilberte Harvey        | 36. Mr. R. Charlevois         | 63. Mrs. Gratia O'Bonsawin |
| 10. A Soul in Purgatory        | 37. Mr. Frank Tripepi         | 64. Mrs. Catherine Beverly |
| 11. Mr. Henri Gionet           | 38. Mr. Dominic McGraith      | 65. A Soul in Purgatory    |
| 12. Mrs. Joanne Robichaud      | 39. Mr. Roméo O. Maurice      | 66. A Soul in Purgatory    |
| 13. Mr. Alphonse Fredereck     | 40. Mrs. Marielle Caron       | 67. Mr. Daniel Pagé        |
| 14. A Soul in Purgatory        | 41. Mr. Adélar W. Hachey      | 68. Miss Tomazia Parreira  |
| 15. Mrs. Yvonne Paquet         | 42. Mr. Alban Bergermann      | 69. Mr. Robin Rouleau      |
| 16. A Soul in Purgatory        | 43. Mrs. Claude St-Pierre     | 70. Mr. Donald Chevalier   |
| 17. Mr. Louis Dupuis           | 44. Mrs. Annette Lauzon       | 71. Mr. Gilles Litalien    |
| 18. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier     | 45. Mrs. Blandine Naud Pagé   | 72. Mr. Armand Bouffard    |
| 19. Mrs. Marie-Thérèse LeBlanc | 46. A Soul in Purgatory       | 73. Mr. Guy Aubin          |
| 20. Miss Gladys McEwen         | 47. Mr. Charles Pagé          | 74. Mr. Adélar Gauthier    |
| 21. Mrs. Margaret Gavin Higbee | 48. Mr. Anthony Barrett       | 75. A Soul in Purgatory    |
| 22. Mr. Daniel Higbee          | 49. Mr. Donald Chevalier      | 76. Mr. Ange-Marie Landry  |
| 23. Mr. Gérard Frappier        | 50. Mr. Jason C. White        | 77. Mr. Robert J. McNamara |
| 24. Mrs. Gladys Miller         | 51. Mr. Fred E. Wonderly      | 78. Mr. Kevin R. McNamara  |
| 25. Mrs. Ida Roussy            | 52. Mrs. Monique Fortin       | 79. Mr. Claude L'Italien   |
| 26. Mr. Gelas Haché            | 53. A Soul in Purgatory       | 80. Mrs. Germaine Blais    |
| 27. Mr. Patrick Masciangelo    | 54. Mrs. Alice Parent         | 81. Mrs. Alphonse Beaulne  |

### The Sweetest Story

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
 The One called Emmanuel;  
 The One who came down from Heaven  
 To earth, with mankind to dwell.  
 Tell of the star brightly shining  
 Over the place where He lay,  
 Marking His manger-named birthplace  
 Upon that first Christmas Day.  
 Tell me the story of Jesus,

The One whose birth was foretold,  
 For prophesied was His coming  
 By many prophets of old.  
 The One who came down as Savior  
 To take away all our sins;  
 Oh, tell me the story of Jesus,  
 The sweetest that ever has been.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz

## Statue of Indian woman unveiled at St. Francis Cathedral

Lenora Carpio of Isleta Pueblo tried to hold back a wave of emotion at St. Francis Cathedral on Saturday afternoon moments before a new statue of an American Indian religious hero was unveiled.

"She's going to be a saint one day," Carpio said, speaking of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. "We're all praying for her. I hope she'll become a saint before I die."



Women in traditional dresses and bright shawls carried signs from places like Cochiti, Acoma and Sandia pueblos. Drummers and dancers from Jemez and Laguna pueblos performed before the statue was blessed with holy water. "This afternoon, all of us are a part of history," Archbishop Michael Sheehan told a crowd of more than 250 people in front of the church. For many years, he said, he has wanted to have Kateri's statue at the church, "as a sign of my love for her and also as a sign of my love for the Native Americans of the archdiocese." Sheehan commissioned Jemez Pueblo artist Estella Loretto to make the sculpture of Kateri in commemoration of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe's 150th anniversary. Loretto was also moved by the ceremony.

"I just want to tell you what a beautiful experience this has been," she said. "... She's really touched my heart. I really did not know her before I got the commission."

This is something good that's come out of the church," said Jackie Chitto, Carpio's daughter. "... I think the Native American people need something like this. Kateri is really important to all of the pueblos around here."

"Native Americans just have this affinity to connect with her," said Carol Naranjo, an artist from Santa Clara Pueblo. "I think she would hear our pleas a lot more than maybe others would. She's just special."

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