



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 | 44. Mrs. Annette Lauzon | 87. Mr. Gerard Lalumiere |
| 2. Mr. Lucien Julien | 45. Mrs. Blandine Naud Pagé | 88. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier |
| 3. Mr. Ildas Leblanc | 46. A Soul in Purgatory | 89. Mr. Adelard Austin |
| 4. Mrs. Yvonne Gallant | 47. Mr. Charles Pagé | 90. Mrs. Denise Marcotte Robert |
| 5. Mr. Philippe Gionet | 48. Mr. Anthony Barrett | 91. Mrs. Dorothy D. Griffiths |
| 6. Mr. Adiren Michaud | 49. Mr. Donald Chevalier | 92. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 7. Mr. Alban Savoie | 50. Mr. Jason C. White | 93. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 8. Mrs. Jean Pearls | 51. Mr. Fred E. Wonderly | 94. Mrs. Mindyu Buffa |
| 9. Mrs. Gilberte Harvey | 52. Mrs. Monique Fortin | 95. Mr. Bernard Lavoie |
| 10. A Soul in Purgatory | 53. A Soul in Purgatory | 96. Mrs. Laura Godbout Lemay |
| 11. Mr. Henri Gionet | 54. Mrs. Alice Parent | 97. Mrs. Dora Polson |
| 12. Mrs. Joanne Robichaud | 55. Msgr. Raymond Roy | 98. Miss Annette St. Laurent |
| 13. Mr. Alphonse Fredereck | 56. A Soul in Purgatory | 99. Mrs. Marcelina Zamora |
| 14. A Soul in Purgatory | 57. Mr. Michel Haché | 100. Mr. James C. Cox |
| 15. Mrs. Yvonne Paquet | 58. Mr. Guy Lainesse | 101. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 16. A Soul in Purgatory | 59. Mr. Pierre Lévesque | 102. Mrs. Marissa Jansz |
| 17. Mr. Louis Dupuis | 60. Mr. Benoit Boulet | 103. Mr. Carl Aultman |
| 18. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier | 61. A Soul in Purgatory | 104. Mrs. France Breault |
| 19. Mrs. Marie-Thérèse LeBlanc | 62. Mrs. Anna Bourgoin | 105. Miss Monica Bitz Schraldi |
| 20. Miss Gladys McEwen | 63. Mrs. Gratia O'Bonsawin | 106. Mr. Archie Breau |
| 21. Mrs. Margaret Gavin Higbee | 64. Mrs. Catherine Beverly | 107. Mr. Samuel London |
| 22. Mr. Daniel Higbee | 65. A Soul in Purgatory | 108. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 23. Mr. Gérard Frappier | 66. A Soul in Purgatory | 109. Mrs. Marie Cote |
| 24. Mrs. Gladys Miller | 67. Mr. Daniel Pagé | 110. Mrs. Rachel Gagnon Berube |
| 25. Mrs. Ida Roussy | 68. Miss Tomazia Parreira | 111. Mr. Fred Waverly |
| 26. Mr. Gelas Haché | 69. Mr. Robin Rouleau | 112. A Deceased Parent |
| 27. Mr. Patrick Masciangelo | 70. Mr. Donald Chevalier | 113. Mrs. Gertrude Carbonneau |
| 28. Miss Johanne Robichaud | 71. Mr. Gilles Litalien | 114. Mr. Maurice Bourgoin |
| 29. Mr. Alfred Goguen | 72. Mr. Armand Bouffard | 115. Mr. Conald Chevalier |
| 30. Mrs. Simone Lauzier | 73. Mr. Guy Aubin | 116. Mrs. Marie-Louise Ménécapo Ishpatu |
| 31. Mr. Alphonse Haché | 74. Mr. Adélarde Gauthier | 117. Mr. Cyrias Cloutier |
| 32. Mr. Lionel Gionet | 75. A Soul in Purgatory | 118. Mr. Horace Brosseau |
| 33. Mrs. Michèle Vaillancourt | 76. Mr. Ange-Marie Landry | 119. Mr. Gino Ducas |
| 34. Mrs. Gabrielle Brien | 77. Mr. Robert J. McNamara | 120. Mr. Mathieu Roussel |
| 35. Miss Jeanne Mance | 78. Mr. Kevin R. McNamara | 121. Mrs. Yvette Robichaud |
| 36. Mr. R. Charlevois | 79. Mr. Claude L'Italien | 122. Mr. Rene Watier |
| 37. Mr. Frank Tripepi | 80. Mrs. Germaine Blais | 123. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier |
| 38. Mr. Dominic McGraith | 81. Mrs. Alphonse Beaulne | 124. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 39. Mr. Roméo O. Maurice | 82. Mr. Emilien Lafond | 125. Souls in Purgatory |
| 40. Mrs. Marielle Caron | 83. Mr. Real Labbe | 126. Mrs. Beatrice Francis |
| 41. Mr. Adélarde W. Hachey | 84. Mr. Elmer Johnson | 127. Mr. Guy Lalonde |
| 42. Mr. Alban Bergermann | 85. Mrs. Mary L. Bryce | 128. Mr. Armand Loranger |
| 43. Mrs. Claude St-Pierre | 86. Mr. Robert King | 129. Mr. Mario Perron |

Amerindian News

Blessed is Kateri: A woman of the Beatitudes



Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

The Church teaches that there are spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Among the former, there is "forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently," (CCC. 2247). For example, a woman of her tribe falsely accused Kateri of committing adultery with her husband. This woman spoke to others about her suspicion and then told the priest. When the priest confronted Kateri, she simply and unequivocally denied it. But she took no other step in declaring her innocence. She did not confront her accuser nor make any effort to clear her name. Undoubtedly, she prayed for that woman, forgave her, and proceeded to bear this wrong with great patience. **In this way, Kateri extended a "spiritual work of mercy" to her accuser.**

Among the corporal works of mercy are "feeding the hungry and visiting the sick." Kateri was well known for her love for the sick and her tender care for them. Father Fremin, of the "praying village," called her an "angel of charity" as he observed her tireless efforts on behalf of the sick and the elderly.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

The Lily of the Mohawks is most known for her physical purity, as she guarded her virginity and consecrated herself to the Lord a few years before she died. But her purity of heart, which was demonstrated by her single-minded desire to do the will of God, was every bit as exemplary. **Kateri loved God not for what He could give to her, but for His own sake.**

When the chapel for the mission was being built, she said to her companions, "It is not in buildings that God wants to live, but inside of us." Since her heart was the home of her Savior and her King, Kateri made every effort to be free from sin, in order to provide a beautiful dwelling place for Him.

During her final illness, her priest insisted that she not fast as she still wanted to do. After weeks of intense suffering, she finally died, but not before she uttered these final words, "Jesus, Mary I love you!" Up to her dying breath, Blessed Kateri's pure heart was poured out in a torrent of love upon her Beloved!

Do I only go to God when I need something? Do I love Him when things are going my way but abandon Him when adversity strikes?

Do I ponder what it means to have the living God dwelling in me?

Do I make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the cleansing of my heart?

Do I love God for His sake?

Glenn Smith