



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 | 45. Mrs. Blandine Naud Pagé | 89. Mr. Adelard Austin |
| 2. Mr. Lucien Julien | 46. A Soul in Purgatory | 90. Mrs. Denise Marcotte Robert |
| 3. Mr. Ildas Leblanc | 47. Mr. Charles Pagé | 91. Mrs. Dorothy D. Griffiths |
| 4. Mrs. Yvonne Gallant | 48. Mr. Anthony Barrett | 92. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 5. Mr. Philippe Gionet | 49. Mr. Donald Chevalier | 93. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 6. Mr. Adiren Michaud | 50. Mr. Jason C. White | 94. Mrs. Mindyu Buffa |
| 7. Mr. Alban Savoie | 51. Mr. Fred E. Wonderly | 95. Mr. Bernard Lavoie |
| 8. Mrs. Jean Pearls | 52. Mrs. Monique Fortin | 96. Mrs. Laura Godbout Lemay |
| 9. Mrs. Gilberte Harvey | 53. A Soul in Purgatory | 97. Mrs. Dora Polson |
| 10. A Soul in Purgatory | 54. Mrs. Alice Parent | 98. Miss Annette St. Laurent |
| 11. Mr. Henri Gionet | 55. Msgr. Raymond Roy | 99. Mrs. Marcelina Zamora |
| 12. Mrs. Joanne Robichaud | 56. A Soul in Purgatory | 100. Mr. James C. Cox |
| 13. Mr. Alphonse Frederack | 57. Mr. Michel Haché | 101. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 14. A Soul in Purgatory | 58. Mr. Guy Lainesse | 102. Mrs. Marissa Jansz |
| 15. Mrs. Yvonne Paquet | 59. Mr. Pierre Lévesque | 103. Mr. Carl Aultman |
| 16. A Soul in Purgatory | 60. Mr. Benoit Boulet | 104. Mrs. France Breault |
| 17. Mr. Louis Dupuis | 61. A Soul in Purgatory | 105. Miss Monica Bitz Schraldi |
| 18. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier | 62. Mrs. Anna Bourgoin | 106. Mr. Archie Breaud |
| 19. Mrs. Marie-Thérèse LeBlanc | 63. Mrs. Gratia O'Bonsawin | 107. Mr. Samuel London |
| 20. Miss Gladys McEwen | 64. Mrs. Catherine Beverly | 108. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 21. Mrs. Margaret Gavin Higbee | 65. A Soul in Purgatory | 109. Mrs. Marie Cote |
| 22. Mr. Daniel Higbee | 66. A Soul in Purgatory | 110. Mrs. Rachel Gagnon Berube |
| 23. Mr. Gérard Frappier | 67. Mr. Daniel Pagé | 111. Mr. Fred Waverly |
| 24. Mrs. Gladys Miller | 68. Miss Tomazia Parreira | 112. A Deceased Parent |
| 25. Mrs. Ida Roussy | 69. Mr. Robin Rouleau | 113. Mrs. Gertrude Carbonneau |
| 26. Mr. Gelas Haché | 70. Mr. Donald Chevalier | 114. Mr. Maurice Bourgoin |
| 27. Mr. Patrick Masciangelo | 71. Mr. Gilles Litalien | 115. Mr. Conald Chevalier |
| 28. Miss Johanne Robichaud | 72. Mr. Armand Bouffard | 116. Mrs. Marie-Louise Ménécapo Ishpatu |
| 29. Mr. Alfred Goguen | 73. Mr. Guy Aubin | 117. Mr. Cyrias Cloutier |
| 30. Mrs. Simone Lauzier | 74. Mr. Adélar Gauthier | 118. Mr. Horace Brosseau |
| 31. Mr. Alphonse Haché | 75. A Soul in Purgatory | 119. Mr. Gino Ducas |
| 32. Mr. Lionel Gionet | 76. Mr. Ange-Marie Landry | 120. Mr. Mathieu Roussel |
| 33. Mrs. Michèle Vaillancourt | 77. Mr. Robert J. McNamara | 121. Mrs. Yvette Robichaud |
| 34. Mrs. Gabrielle Brien | 78. Mr. Kevin R. McNamara | 122. Mr. Rene Watier |
| 35. Miss Jeanne Mance | 79. Mr. Claude L'Italien | 123. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier |
| 36. Mr. R. Charlevoix | 80. Mrs. Germaine Blais | 124. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 37. Mr. Frank Tripepi | 81. Mrs. Alphonse Beaulne | 125. Souls in Purgatory |
| 38. Mr. Dominic McGraith | 82. Mr. Emilien Lafond | 126. Mrs. Beatrice Francis |
| 39. Mr. Roméo O. Maurice | 83. Mr. Real Labbe | 127. Mr. Guy Lalonde |
| 40. Mrs. Marielle Caron | 84. Mr. Elmer Johnson | 128. Mr. Armand Loranger |
| 41. Mr. Adélar W. Hachey | 85. Mrs. Mary L. Bryce | 129. Mr. Mario Perron |
| 42. Mr. Alban Bergermann | 86. Mr. Robert King | 130. Mr. Gerard Legendre |
| 43. Mrs. Claude St-Pierre | 87. Mr. Gerard Lalumiere | 131. Mr. Clement Saumure |
| 44. Mrs. Annette Lauzon | 88. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier | 132. Mrs. Regina Riendeau |

Blessed is Kateri: A woman of the Beatitudes



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

We often think of the Mohawks as fierce, warlike people, and they could be when they were threatened. But the fact remains that it was because of a desire for peace that the Iroquois confederacy was established between the five tribes. In their myth and symbolism, an evergreen tree represents peace between the tribes, which they considered a gift from the Great Spirit. Kateri did not negotiate any peace treaties between tribes. But her openness to the Spirit of God, whose fruits include 'love, joy and peace' (Gal. 5:22), was such that these qualities emanated from her. Her very presence brought a sense of wholeness to others. For example, after receiving Holy Communion, she would radiate such a peace that others wanted to be near her in the hopes that she might bless them.

Do I understand that the gift of peace is part of the wholeness that God wants for me?

Do I ask the Holy Spirit for peace in my heart?

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.
For theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you.
Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Kateri was reviled for her faith by others, especially for her refusal to marry. No matter what pressures were brought to bear on her, she remained firm in her commitment to celibacy.

For honoring the Lord's Day and for refraining from work, she was denied food by her own family. She did not complain, but rejoiced that she could suffer for the Kingdom. Likewise, when rocks were thrown at her by village children, we can trust that she counted this as joy.

Do I conform to what others think and do, or is the Gospel the only standard by which I measure my attitudes and my actions?

Blessed Kateri, consoler of the Heart of Jesus, pray for us!

Blessed Kateri, steadfast in all prayer, pray for us!

Blessed Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, pray for us!

Blessed Kateri, Woman of the Beatitudes, pray for us!

Glenn Smith