

KATERI'S FEASTDAY: April 17

Congratulations to Fr. John Parets s.j.



Father John Parets from Auriesville, N.-Y. receives the KATERI award.

In front of the tomb of Blessed KATERI.



Finger Prayer

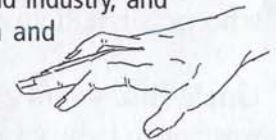
This is so neat. I had never heard this before... This is beautiful – and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives.

1- Your thumb is the nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."



2- The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3- The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president (Prime Minister), leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.



4- The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5- And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

