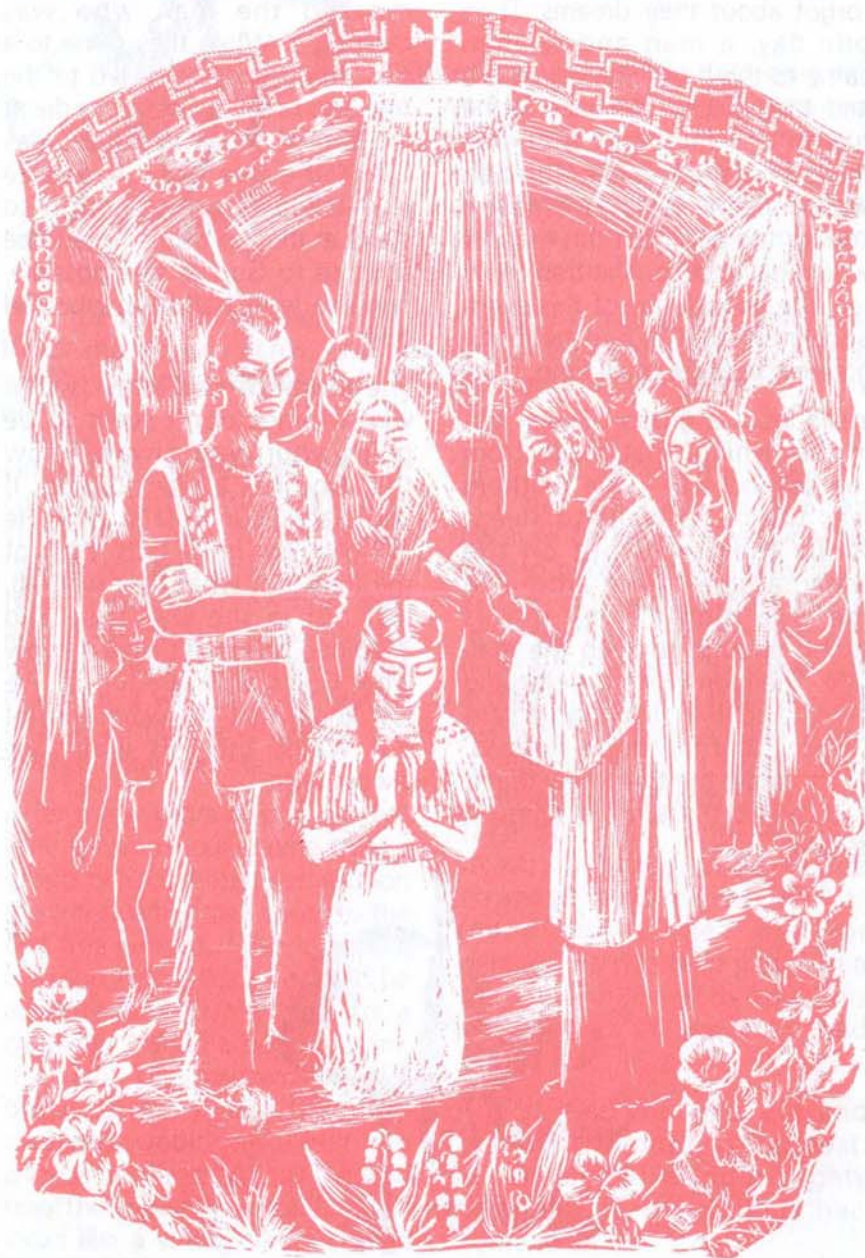


Christmas 1676
The baptism of Kateri



Beatification of KATERI Tekakwitha
25 years ago

- 1884** - The Third Plenary Council of Baltimore addressed the Sovereign Pontiff, Leo XIII, by the Bishops of the United States of America, to institute the process for the beatification of the Servants of God, Isaac Jogues and Rene Goupil, of the Society of Jesus, and also of the VIRGIN CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA.
- 1885** - Letters submitted by various Indian tribes, petitioning the Introduction of the Cause of the SERVANT OF GOD, CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA – to the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII.
- 1931** - After years of preparation the cause was instituted by the Most Reverend Bishop of Albany, Edmund Francis Gibbons, on Friday May 22, 1931. Sessions for the Informative Process opened Tuesday June 2, 1931, and testimony had all been taken by Monday February 23, 1931. Report and review were concluded Sunday May 1, 1932, and the process finished on Saturday June 4, 1932.
- 1932** - The process de non culta public veneration, was instituted Wednesday June 29, 1932, and the visit to Tekakwitha's tomb in Canada was made with all solemnity Thursday July 21, 1932.
- 1938** - During June, the Historical Section of the Congregation of Rites at Rome declared that the documents of the case of Tekakwitha were complete, genuine and trustworthy, that they established Tekakwitha's renown for holiness, and a solid basis for final judgement that her virtues were heroic.
- 1939** - Friday, May 19. Sanctioned by Pope Pius XII, the recommendation of the introduction of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA INDIAN VIRGIN."
- 1940** - Tuesday, November 26 of this year was set, with the Holy Father's approval, as the date for the first discussion of the virtues of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha.
- 1942** - Friday, June 12. Pope Pius XII approved the decision of the Congregation that the virtues of the venerable Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, were heroic.
- 1943** - Sunday, January 3. His Holiness Pope Pius XII offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Then he solemnly proclaimed: *It has been proved in this instance and for the purpose under consideration, that the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, Love of God and Neighbour, and the cardinal virtues, Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude and subordinate virtues of the Venerable Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, were heroic.*
- 1980** - Sunday, June 22. Pope John Paul II beatified Catherine Tekakwitha "Blessed Catherine Tekakwitha."