

When I went to meet Sr. Theresa I distinctly remember thinking, "I wonder if she had met Blessed Kateri yet." As I was leaving it was still pouring rain, but when I pulled onto Jefferson Road the sun broke through the rain. It was a spectacular sight. I wondered if I would see a rainbow. Then I know that Jesus and Sr. Theresa had given me a reward for coming over to her wake.

As I drove down Jefferson Road I decided that I would not stop at Scott's Hallmark store that was out. However, someone else had other plans. The car in front of me had to stop forcing me to pull into the plaza where the Hallmark store was located. So, in I went. There it was, a TURTLE NIGHTLIGHT. This had been the first and only time I had ever seen one there. In addition, this display model was the only one in the store. It was then I knew Sr. Theresa had met Blessed Kateri, or K.T. as I call her, and they were both happily rejoicing and living with the Lord. It also brought to mind that anyone who is a friend of Kateri's is a friend of mine.



What Can I Say

What can I say? What can I say about a young girl whom the Lord our Father and Creator called to His Kingdom in her full youth and on a very special day, Holy Wednesday. Time has passed and through the years celebration of events is different, but Our Lord wished to call Kateri in that special year and day. Undoubtedly as Kateri Tekakwitha received our Redeemer in Holy Communion with all her faith, in the same way she is joyfully in Heaven.

I think that from where she is, she tells us, ***"I give you thanks for visiting me and for asking for my intercession, but I urge you that whenever you come to visit me, you first address our Creator, Who is always waiting for us in the tabernacle."*** It seems that sometimes we forget that we must greet the head of the house and family, and then we can greet all other members of the family. Furthermore, I believe she would think that ***"it is sad that many times we forget that our Lord God is the only one who does miracles, and that all saints and blessed persons are intercessors, interceding for those who with their faith say their prayers and petitions"***. Kateri would also say, ***"Thank you for trusting me, but my duty to you is to present your petitions to Our Lord God Almighty"***.

Consequently, what to say when people ask what Kateri did? The truth is that we all know that Our Lord chooses the pure, the poor, and humble in heart to reveal Himself, and through them, to the rest of the people. And that is how we can now see the greatness of God, who chose Kateri to reveal His love for mankind.

We know that following the steps of Our Lord is not easy. Kateri's life is a good example. At a very early age she began to suffer, and finally reach greatness in heaven. Through loss of her parents, her illness and being despised by her peers, abuse of authority, and a series of adversities and hardships which undoubtedly I could never have endured.

We can see that Our Lord never lets us down and whenever we come to Him and ask His support, we can endure anything. That is exactly what Kateri did, an example of deliverance, obedience, and service. We can also see how Our Lord helps His children, and under the opposition of her adoptive family, the Lord sent his messengers, three Catholic priests who went to her lodge, which gave Kateri the opportunity to strengthen her beliefs and her faith. In this situation, makes me think about the Bible story where God sent his messengers to inform Abraham and Sarah that she would have a son. Similarly,