

## A New Kateri Book is available

Giovanna Paponetti has a new book available called

### "Kateri: Native American Saint. The Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha."

The book takes the reader into the world of 17th Century Native Americans and Catholic missionaries and contains twenty-one full color images from an altar screen that Giovanna painted for the Church of St. John the Baptist at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico. These extraordinary paintings feature significant chapters from Kateri's early years, her life as a Christian, and miracles following her death at age twenty-four.

The hardcover book can be ordered from Clear Light Publishers in Santa Fe, New Mexico: (505) 989-9590 or on line at <http://www.clearlightbooks.com/kateri>

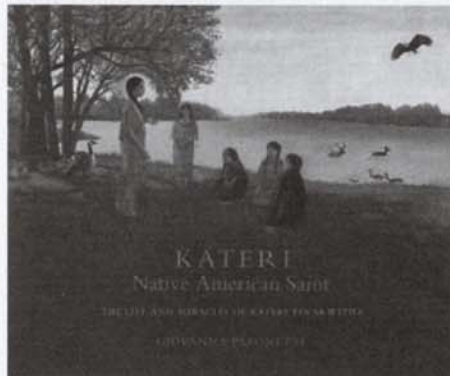
#### Customer review (California):

*Giovanna Paponetti has created an extraordinary book with KATERI: Native American Saint. The Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha. Giovanna is a gifted artist and writer. This timely book has generated excitement within faith, Native American and historical communities that await the last step in the process of Sainthood for a magical Native American woman. This amazing story comes to life with vivid portraits modeled by actual persons from Kateri's church in Canada. Here in New Mexico her story is as fresh today as it was 400 years ago. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. Highly recommended.*

#### — KATERI —

Native American Saint  
The Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha  
by Giovanna Paponetti  
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the first Native American Archbishop  
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Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), "The Lily of the Mohawks", was a Native American woman born near the Canadian border in present-day Auriesville, NY. She was Beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980. If canonized, she will be the first Native American woman to achieve saintly status.  
Authored and illustrated by Taos, NM artist Giovanna Paponetti, the book contains twenty-one full-color images commissioned by the Church of St. John the Baptist at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico, the oldest Parish in the United States. The paintings feature Kateri's early years, her life as a Christian, and miracles following her death at age twenty-four, making this book a must-have collector's item.



## Greetings from the Vatican

*Att'n: Deacon Ron Boyer, Vice Postulator of Blessed Kateri's Cause*

In October, 2010 my sister, Geri Tacinelli, along with her husband, traveled to Italy from North Carolina. I sent her with two copies of my book KATERI Native American Saint/The Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha, published in August 2010 by Clear Light Publishers in Santa Fe. I asked Geri to give these copies to my cousin Palmerina in Rome. One of the packages was for my cousin and her family, and the other one was a signed copy for His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. I had addressed that package to a Priest who was known to have direct contact with His Holiness.

Palmerina mailed the package to the Vatican and notified me when she received a notice that the package had been received. To my great surprise on November 23rd, I received a letter from the Vatican, from the Secretariat of State, First Section - General Affairs:

"His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI was pleased to receive the kind gift sent for his acceptance. He appreciates the devoted sentiments which prompted this thoughtful presentation. The Holy Father gives the assurance of a remembrance in his prayers and sends his blessing." It was signed by Monsignor Peter B. Wells, Assessor

This has made the efforts of my five-year-long project painting Kateri's life most rewarding. These twenty-one paintings have been a labor of love. Close friends and family believed in me and encouraged me to keep going.

I felt like I was being guided by Kateri through a rock that I found at Fonda, NY near the spring where she would gather her water. I see a face in the rock with eyes, nose a mouth and scar-like marks on the cheeks. I kept it by my side while I was painting.

Also inspiring was the turkey feather that flew up in the face of one of our group members as we walked on the trail to the spring in Fonda and the white dove that stayed in front of my house for five days. One day fly catcher nestlings emerged from their eggs in a nest on a beam in my porch. The dove was sitting directly beneath the nest. The feather and the dove are incorporated in my paintings.

I am grateful that my book has found its way to the Vatican as this is the place where Kateri's Sainthood will be decided, hopefully soon.

*Giovanna Paponetti, author, Kateri Native Saint*