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Albert got the Kateri Award

This year as in the past, the Jesuit Fathers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y., where Kateri Tekakwitha was born, celebrated the annual weekend in her honor on September 4 and 5. Towards the end of August, Father Joseph S. McBride sent me a gracious invitation for the Kateri Award Day. My secretary, Mr. Albert Lazare was one of the awardees.



Mr. Albert Lazare, secretary of the Kateri Center in Canada has worked faithfully in the interest of the Lily of the Mohawks for more than a quarter of a century. A Caughnawaga Indian, he commutes daily from the St. Francis Xavier Mission to Montreal, where the Kateri office is now located. He has constantly stimulated action in favor of Kateri among his people and has solicited funds at every opportune occasion. Albert lives with his wife and five beautiful children, all of school age, at the Mission. When he first began to work at the Center, succeeding his brother Thomas, elderly Father Omer Péroquin, S.J., Kateri's very first subscriber in 1949, said to me "Kateri herself chose him for this task". This wise old priest was right. The Bishop then blessed the 1977 Kateri Awards and presented them to this year's awardees, with Father McBride as narrator. At the Kateri Center in Montreal, Albert showed me his plaque "Kateri Tekakwitha Award." It reads, "is presented to



Albert Lazare for generous, fruitful, enduring dedication to the cause of the Lily of the Mohawks, 1977." How true these words are, no one knows better than I.

Fr. Joseph McBride, S.J., narrator; Bishop Stanistaus Brzana, and Mr. Albert Lazare, who is about to receive the Kateri Award, at the Coliseum, Auriesville, N.Y.