

THE "FRIENDS OF KATERI" - LA PRAIRIE

A gift of a 100-yr old "Friendship" leather belt measuring 7 feet long by 8 inches wide with ornate mosaic - On May 15th, about a hundred people attended a special ceremony opposite the Church of St. Catherine-d'Alexandrie at the cenotaph of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. This meeting was organized by "Les Amis de Kateri" (M. Vincent - 450 633-0646). On this occasion, Mr. Jean-Claude Plamondon offered this beautiful belt to Mission St. Francis Xavier through Mr Tom Dearhouse and Ms. Stephanie Horne, both Mohawks of Kahnawake. Prayers were initiated and Mohawk chants were sung and a smudging ceremony with "sweet grass" was conducted. Approximately sixty prayer intentions were collected and sent to the Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (about 14kms away)



Receiving the gift from M. Jean-Claude Plamondon (rightmost)

Tom Dearhouse of the Saint Francis Xavier Mission performing a smudging ceremony

