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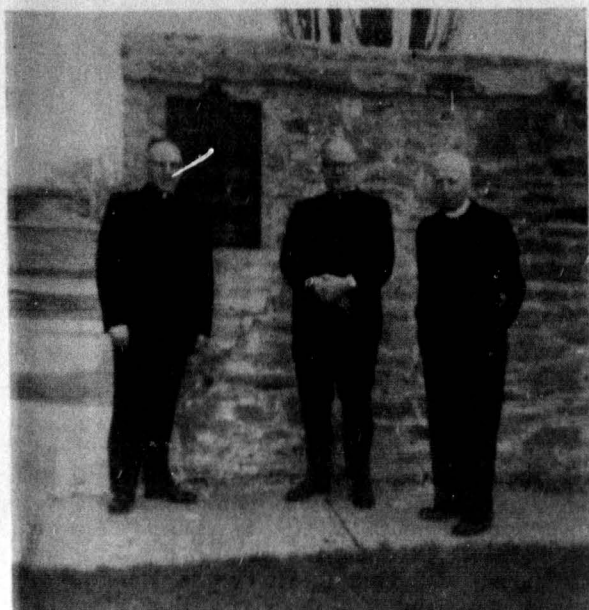
NOTES FROM KATERI'S THREE VILLAGES

Ossernenon, Auriesville, N. Y.

—from Fr. Thomas J. Coffey, S.J.,
W. Postulator for the United States:

The United States has four canonized saints: Isaac Jogues, priest, René Goupil, brother, and John Lalande, layman, martyred at Auriesville, N. Y., canonized in 1930 among the *Jesuit Martyrs of North America*; and Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, thus honored in 1946.

Three "blesseds" ornament the crown of U. S. holiness: Phillipine Rose Duchesne, religious of the Sacred Heart, beatified in



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1940; Mother Elizabeth Seton, Foundress of the Sisters of Charity, beatified March 17, 1963, and Bishop John Neumann, C.S.S.R. fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, declared Blessed October 13, 1963.

At least twelve other Causes have been introduced locally, not to mention the Cause of 116 American Martyrs for whom joint beatification and canonization are being sought.

The twelve: Fr. Antonio Margil, missionary; Felix de Andreis, C.M.; Mother Theodore Guerin, Foundress, Sisters of Providence; Bishop Mathias Loras, first bishop of Dubuque; Bishop Frederic Baraga, first Bishop of Marquette; Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R.; Mother M. Magdalen Bentivoglio, Poor Clare; Mother Frances Schervier, Srs. of the Poor of St. Francis; Fr. Junipero Serra, O.F.M.; Archbishop John Cieplak of Poland, who died in Passaic, N. J.; and Sister Miriam Teresa, of the Convent Station Srs. of Charity.

It is interesting to note that among the 116 American Martyrs whose cause has been introduced en masse twenty-four dioceses are entailed, diocesan and religious priests, laymen, of whom five were Indians, and at least one laywoman, also Indian.

We have not mentioned the Mohawk-Algonquin Indian Virgin Kateri Tekakwitha up to this for the purposes of this letter. The Venerable Kateri has been an official candidate for Beatification since introduction of her Cause in 1939. She was declared Vener-