



**Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha  
1656-1680**

For most of the 20th century, a shrine to Kateri Tekakwitha stood beside the mission chapel of Saints Mary and Joseph in Sawyer, MN, on the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation. The tiny sanctuary held an oil portrait of the 17th century Algonquin/Mohawk convert, painted by Father Henry Yzermans, a traveling Crosier priest. Through the years the painting suffered irreversible damage from weather and neglect. After the shrine was torn down, the picture was placed in storage. The reproduction on this card was made by artist Donald H. Johnson, who used computer graphics to rebuild the original image.

On January 3, 1943, Kateri was declared Venerable by Pope Pius XII. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980. She lovingly offered up her brief life of poor health, ridicule, and great penances to her Lord. From the small village of her birth in upstate New York to the far corners of the world, veneration for the future saint continues to grow. With God, all things are made new – even broken images and lives.

*A Prayer*

*Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, help us to be more like you in our love for God and for people. Give us a great love for the Holy Eucharist and the Mother of Jesus. Make us ready to make sacrifices for the conversion of souls, persevering in faith, hope, and charity despite the costs. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us. Amen.*