

her food when she was obliged to eat. She suffered much from the cold in her blue blanket and would not put on beaver and other furs to keep her warm.

In Holy Week of 1680, Kateri was very sick. A year before she had been stricken with an illness, which left her with a fever and constant stomach pains. Now she also suffered chest pains and headaches. Kateri lay on her mat and the priest brought her Holy Communion.

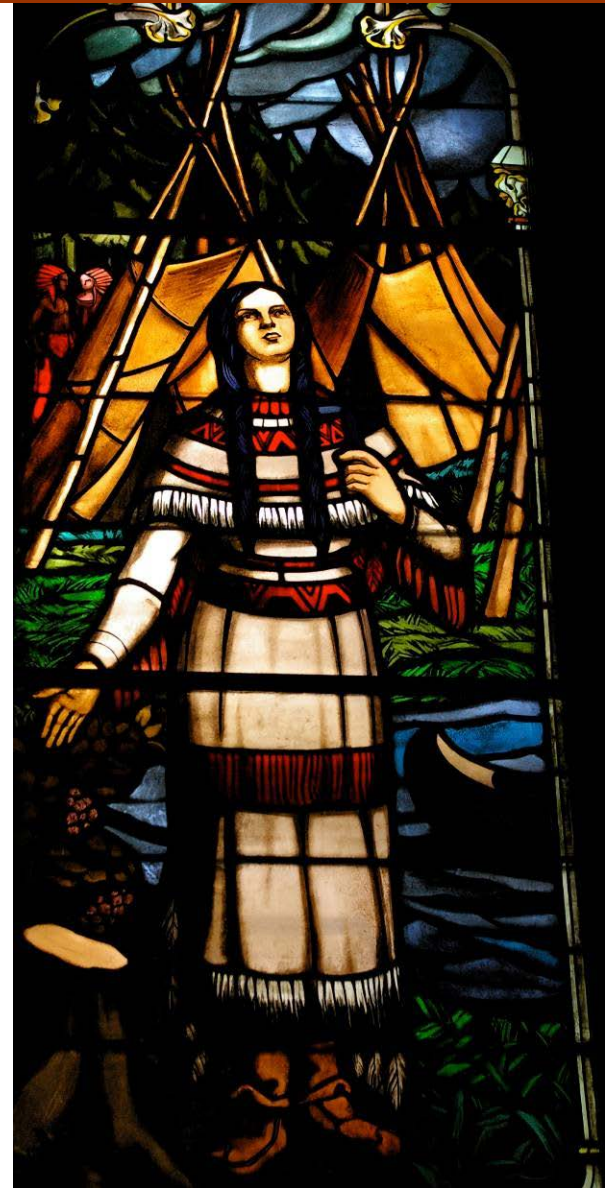
On Holy Tuesday Kateri received Holy Viaticum. She told Mary Teresa that she was going to die, and that she would pray for her and help her from Heaven. On Wednesday Kateri was anointed with Holy Oil. Later, about 3:00 p.m., Kateri's friends came to say goodbye. A little before dying Kateri prayed: **"Jesus I love You!"**

A short while after Kateri died God worked a wonderful miracle. Kateri's scarred face became smooth and lovely. Her face was beautiful!

Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Kateri Tekakwitha on October 21, 2012.

Always try to be good like Kateri and keep the Catholic Faith. In today's world it is very difficult to keep the Catholic Faith because of all the peer pressure that young people have to fight against. Go to Mass as often as you can and when you cannot, send your Guardian Angel. And read your missal and do a meditation when you cannot go to Mass. Continue to make the 9 First Fridays and the 5 First Saturdays and remember to clean your soul in Confession at least once a month.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha—Lily of the Mohawks...Pray for Us.**



**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

## **THE GUARDIAN OF CRUSADERS**

**Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Canada**

**October 2012 # 229**

## The consecration of russia

Dear Crusaders,

On July 1917, at Fatima, the Mother of God warned us that if people did not stop offending God, He would punish the world "by means of war, hunger and persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father," using Russia as His chosen instrument of chastisement. She told the children that "to prevent this, I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart" and promised that, by doing so, Russia would be converted and peace would be given to the world.

The Mother of God warned that if Her requests were *not* granted, "Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer and various nations will be destroyed."

Because the requests of Our Lady have not been answered properly, many people suffer in our poor world. Besides the bloody wars all over the world, there is another war happening within the Church over the past fifty years, by which modernists keep trying to crush the true Catholics faithful to Tradition.

Would you help to defeat the enemies of God and of the Church? Certainly, by your prayers, communions and sacrifices, the Crusaders have a great power to beg from heaven the graces that the Pope needs to get the courage to do properly the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is the special intention for which Bishop Fellay is asking you to pray this month. Be very generous!

Fr. Dominique Boulet

**\* On October 7<sup>th</sup>, a Mass is going to be said for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade in Canada**



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of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph. And for many years after, even until 1954, this atmosphere has continued to exist in Caughnawaga.

In time Kateri and Mary Teresa, the village drunk, became good friends. Kateri encouraged her friend towards living a good Catholic life. They shared their most secret thoughts and united themselves in piety, prayer and penance. In winter and early spring they would walk up and down along the riverbank, clothed only in light garments, and say their Rosary. Often they said their prayers while walking barefoot on the ice until their



feet were freezing. When summer came they suffered heat and thirst, and often scourged themselves with thorn twigs until their shoulders were covered with blood.

Kateri received her First Holy Communion at Christmas time. After this, Holy Communion became her one desire. The Cross was also a great love of hers. As the years continued she kept up her life of prayer and penance, growing in virtue and holiness.

In March 1679, Kateri approached Fr. Cholonec, her spiritual director, and told him of her desire to consecrate her virginity to God. On March 25, 1679, after Mass and Holy Communion, Kateri made the vow to remain a virgin the rest of her life. She also consecrated herself to Mary, begging her to be her

Mother and to take her as her daughter. From then on she lived her life to the fullest as a child of Jesus and Mary. Instead of a red blanket, she wore a blue one and joined the Sodality of Our Lady as a chosen soul.

Kateri's humility made her think of herself as a sinner who needed penance. She was also aware of the sins of her pagan people and felt that she should make reparation for their sins. She would often fast during mealtime and go to gather wood, and return only in the evening. She would often mix ashes into

were a Catholic Huron, and a Mohawk who had married Ennita, Kateri's adopted sister.

When Louis learned that Kateri wanted to escape to the St. Francis Xavier Mission, he gave his place in the canoe to her and went to visit his relatives. Onsegongo had been away but when he got home they told him that Kateri had run away. He wasted no time. Taking three bullets and his gun he raced along a trail to Lake Champlain, but he had been outwitted, he could not find the group. Kateri sped along in the canoe with the Huron and Mohawk who had rescued her. They crossed two lakes and floated down the Richelieu. They often had to carry the canoe and their goods over land so as to avoid rough waters. The whole journey took three months and they arrived at the mission in October 1677.

Upon her arrival Kateri gave a letter from Fr. de Lamberville to Fr. Cholonec. It read: ***"Will you please direct Kateri. You will soon see what a treasure we have sent you. Guard it well. May it profit in your hands for the glory of God and the salvation of a soul very dear to Him."***

Anastasia and Ennita lovingly welcomed Kateri with open arms. Kateri enjoyed meeting the new converts, many of whom were her old friends. She marvelled at the change in their manner of life in so short a time after they had left Iroquois country.

At first Anastasia tutored Kateri in the ordinary exercises of the mission for the feasts and the working days. And they talked about the lives of the saints and the problems of sin and penance, Heaven and Hell.

The villagers soon realized that Kateri was a saint. She was modest, simple, humble, kind, happy, and prayerful— she loved to pray. Every morning even when it was freezing cold, Kateri stood before the chapel door until it opened at 4:00 a.m. and was seen leaving only after the last Mass. Kateri loved to pray before the tabernacle. She spent an hour in preparation for confession, which she made every eight days.

At **"Praying Castle"** Kateri kept fully recollected and her soul soared toward God. All the people here were God-conscious and this strengthened the heavenly atmosphere that Kateri had moved into. The people there were so willing to help newcomers that they gave them their own well-prepared fields and broke new ground for themselves. Years ago, Fr. Pierron had started the Congregation of the Holy Family. In its early days it had inspired the Indians to mold their lives upon those

## ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA {1656 – 1680}



Kateri's mother, Kahenta, was an Algonquin who had been captured by the Mohawks some time before Kateri was born. Kahenta had been a practising Catholic at the time of her capture and possibly taught Kateri through her words, prayers and actions.

In 1659, when Kateri was 4 years old, the dreaded smallpox disease swept through the village leaving her mother, father, and baby brother dead. Kateri also caught the terrible disease and because of it, she was pockmarked and half blind

for the rest of her life. Two aunts and her Uncle Onsegongo adopted Kateri and a girl called Ennita. Because of her pockmarked face and near-sightedness, our saint lived separately from the other Indians. After the smallpox disease hit the village, the Mohawks moved a mile west, and here Kateri lived until she was 11 years old.

The French were tired of the bloody attacks of the Mohawks, and their frequent raids into New France, (Canada). So in 1666, they sent their best troops under General de Tracy to strike down the Iroquois once and for all. Kateri's people were taken by surprise and fled fourteen miles west to Tionnontoguen, a hill just west of what is now Fonda, New York.

Finally peace had come. Fathers Pierron, Fremin, and Bruyas were the first missionaries welcomed in the village. Slowly the Catholic Faith took root. At first, eighty of the 400 villagers became Catholics, and then gradually more Mohawks became Catholics. Many of them went to Caughnawaga, four miles from Montreal on the St. Lawrence River, in New France. Caughnawaga was better known as the **"Praying Castle"**.

Tionnontoguen is where Kateri got her first glimpse of the Catholic Faith. She would look into St. Peter's Chapel to see

the nativity set at Christmas time and hear the children's choir.

In her daily life, Kateri learned how to sew and embroider and became an expert at sewing beads, belts, moccasins and leggings. She was a good, obedient and happy girl. But Kateri stayed away from men; she did not want to get married but wanted to remain a virgin.

Father de Lamberville arrived at the village in the fall of 1675. One day God led him to the cabin where Kateri was nursing a sore foot. In spite of the fact that there were several other people in the cabin with her, Kateri poured out her heart to the priest. And she told him that she wanted to learn more about prayer and to be baptized. Fr. de Lamberville was indeed surprised at the girl's request, but he also sensed that she was a very good soul. He said: ***"You will have to face many difficulties and you will have to be very brave to live in a village full of temptations."***

To this Kateri answered: ***"I've made my decision Father, and nothing, not even exile or flight, will make me change my mind."***

Then the good priest promised to teach her about the Catholic Faith and invited her to come to the Catechism classes.



Great care had to be used in accepting new Indians for the Catholic Faith, and two years was the minimum trial period. But after one month, Fr. de Lamberville decided that Kateri was ready for Baptism. He also asked Kateri's people if she had been a good girl, and they all

agreed to this except that she had refused to get married. Now the priest knew that he could proceed, so Easter Sunday, April 5, 1676, was set aside as Kateri's Baptism day. On that day when Fr. de Lamberville poured the saving waters of Baptism over Kateri, only God knew how generously this 20 year old girl would give herself to Him for the rest of her life.

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Kateri had many crosses to bear after her Baptism. Her family was opposed to her and her Catholic practises. Her repeated refusal to marry was held against her. Kateri would not work on Sundays and because of this her aunts said: ***"If you won't work, you won't eat!"*** Her uncle begged other men to make her fall into sins of impurity. A young brave threatened to kill her with his tomahawk if she did not give up her Catholic Faith, but she was so calm that he dropped his tomahawk and fled. Children teased her and threw stones at her and teasingly called her ***"The Christian"***. Her family constantly taunted Kateri telling her that she had no love for them and that she hated the Mohawks because of her Algonquin mother. But worst of all, her aunt told Fr. de Lamberville that Kateri had committed a sin of impurity.

Poor Kateri was so tormented by all these things that she ran to Fr. de Lamberville for help. The good missionary told Kateri: ***"You must leave this country as soon as possible and go to the Praying Castle in New France."*** The Praying Castle was another name for the St. Francis Xavier Mission. But how was the young maid to flee from the village without anyone seeing her? Her Uncle Onsegongo would not let her leave and others were watching her. Kateri had to suffer much; her uncle treated



her rudely and was displeased at everything she did. Her aunts nagged at her or stayed silent and would not talk to her. Poor Kateri—for a while she was a Lily left among Thorns, but God was watching and the right day would come for her escape.

On July 14, 1677, three lay catechists came down from Caughnawaga to visit the Mohawk villages. One of the catechists was Louis Garonhiague. It was common gossip that he had been one of those who had tortured Fr. Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant to their horrible death in 1649. With Louis

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Once at St. Mary of the Little Portion (the Portiuncula), a lamb was brought to St. Francis. With great love he took it in his arms because of his love for innocence and simplicity, which are natural to lambs.

St. Francis told the little lamb to pay attention to the Divine Praises and to avoid bothering the Brothers in any way. And the lamb understood by God's special grace and carefully obeyed St. Francis.

When the little lamb heard the Brothers chanting in the choir, it also went into the church, and without being told what to do, it would kneel down. And before the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it would baa as if it wanted to greet her.

Also, when the Blessed Sacrament of the most holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ was lifted up during the Mass, the lamb would bend its knees and bow its head, as though it was trying to tell people to have a great love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and as though the lamb wished to cause others who did not love Jesus very much, to love Him a lot more than they did.

We can learn a lot from this little lamb. Animals have instinct; they do not have the grace to reason things out as we do. But by the grace of God, this little lamb could do acts of adoration as if it were human. Surely we can do things like this little lamb.

We can learn from this little lamb that we must be quiet in church because Jesus is present in the Tabernacle and because there are often other people praying in church and we should not disturb them.

We can also learn from this little lamb to have a great devotion to the most Blessed Virgin Mary who is our dear Mother in Heaven and who wishes to help us with our every need. We should always remember what St. Theresa of the Child Jesus said: ***"Mary is more a Mother than a Queen."***

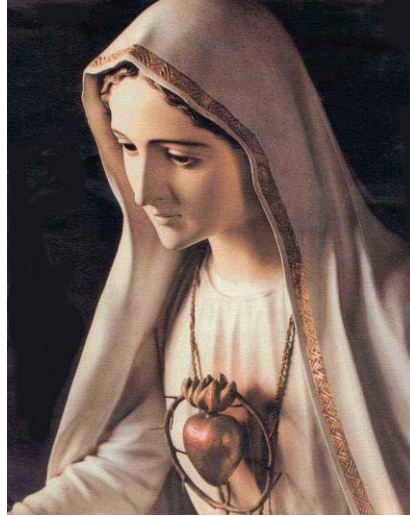
And the third thing that we can learn from this little lamb is that we should always have a wonderful devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and visit Him. He would really like it if we took 15 minutes to prepare ourselves to receive Holy Communion. And He wants us to make a 15 minute thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion. It is hard to do this sometimes, but if we try and ask God to help us do this He really and truly will help us. And just think how happy Jesus will be when we do this. And we will be happy too because we spent time loving Jesus.

# INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF October 2012

## Daily offering

(To be recited every morning when you wake up)

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins. I offer them **for the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**



### June 2012 Treasure Sheets

	Daily Off.	Mass	Sacr. Com.	Spir. Com.	Sacrif.	Dec. Ros.	Visit Bl. S.	15 Min.	Good Example	Quantity
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ON	660	262	225	420	1447	2440	323	401	1130	26
MB	60	11	7	38	49	180	11	15	52	2
SK	210	28	28	205	714	1125	28	47	814	7
AB	268	120	113	229	351	1595	143	268	317	9
BC	417	102	66	108	278	1205	67	2	122	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>1615</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>2839</b>	<b>6545</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>2435</b>	<b>60</b>

### July 2012 Treasure Sheets

	Daily Off.	Mass	Sacr. Com.	Spir. Com.	Sacrif.	Dec. Ros.	Visit Bl. S.	15 Min.	Good Example	Quantity
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ON	911	329	288	914	1804	3563	343	272	2164	33
MB										
SK	58	12	12	44	631	300	20	22	574	2
AB	164	71	71	156	250	1025	21	171	217	6
BC	380	94	65	418	584	1287	62	3	342	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1532</b>	<b>3269</b>	<b>6175</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>3297</b>	<b>55</b>

# TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012

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