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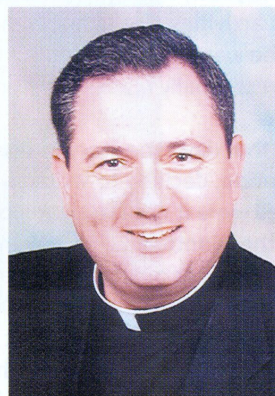
Office of the Vice-Postulator for the Cause of

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Monsignor Paul A. Lenz, PA

Come celebrate in Rome

Dear Friends,



This winter-Spring issue of The Sentinel is focused on the upcoming canonization-pilgrimage of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. As you may or may not have heard, Pope Benedict XVI has announced the canonization of Blessed Kateri along with six other new saints on Sunday, October 21, 2012 at St. Peter's in Rome. **The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions is planning the official pilgrimage October 18 -24. So, sign up today! Make this a parish celebration! Every pastor, religious sister/religious brother or director of a Native American Office who can sign up a minimum of fifteen participants will receive a complimentary passage for the seven day pilgrimage with the exception of taxes and fuel charges.**

Enclosed you will find a copy of the brochure along with an application to be sent in with a deposit by May 30 (the deadline was first scheduled for May 15, but we are extending it). **If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office at (202) 331-8542.**

We are planning an exquisite journey to the Eternal City of Rome. If you have never been to Rome, this is your chance in a lifetime to see and witness for yourself the magnificence of ancient Rome combined with the modern conveniences of today. Following the canonization Mass with Our Holy Father, we will go to Castel Gandolfo for a festive luncheon party and a visit to the summer papal palace. The next day we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and enjoy a reception at the North American College in Rome. Also, we will walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and pray at his tomb. All the hotels are four star ratings and higher at a moderate price.

Come and celebrate with our Native American brothers and sisters and all who have endeared themselves to Kateri Tekakwitha powerful intercession. If you are unfamiliar with the life of Blessed Kateri, 1656 – 1680, go to our website, www.blackandindianmission.org to learn about her or contact the office at 202-331-8542, for a \$15.00 offering (this includes shipping and handling) receive a copy of the life of Kateri titled, *Tekakwitha: Holy Native, Mohawk Virgin* (quantities limited).

Feel free to make copies of the application and brochure or go to the website to print brochure and application directly from the comfort of your home or office. One application per person required, please. Any questions, call the Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission Office, 202-331-8542. Looking forward to seeing you in Rome! The blessings of the Risen Jesus,

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Remembering Mission Moments

The Power of Good Example

by Tim Lanigan

One hundred years ago, in 1912, The Indian Sentinel reported on a story that showed how personal witness can be so powerful in attracting people to the Catholic Faith. The events took place a couple of years before, when a tribe of Catholic Iroquois Indians from Caughnawaga, Quebec, joined a great procession to the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal, a distance of about ten miles.

Among them was an 83-year old Iroquoian, Joseph Delisle, a daily communicant active in his mission church in Caughnawaga. What he did that day might have gone unnoticed but for a perceptive reporter for a Montreal newspaper and an observant reader from New York State.

Delisle began the day of the Congress with Holy Communion at his mission church and then set out for Montreal. He resolved from the outset to observe a complete fast, neither food nor water, until Benediction was offered. It was a warm September day in Montreal, but Delisle persisted, through the ten-mile trip to Montreal, through the four-mile march past the Church of Notre Dame, through the singing of Indian and French hymns, through the recitation of the Rosary.

The old Iroquoian was clearly exhausted from the day's activities, but when friends brought him some water, he turned it down. Though his tongue was parched and swollen, he was determined to stick by his resolution. It was 7:15 in the evening when the Cardinal Legate, who presided over the Congress, finally reached the great altar in the center of the field to offer Benediction. Delisle had remained true to his fast.

Delisle was just one of 500,000 people at the Congress that day. The story of his fast might well have been lost to history, but a Montreal newspaper reporter, touched by his devotion, decided to write an article about his perseverance.

What occurred next might have gone unreported as well were it not for what a priest from a New York parish related to The Sentinel the following year. Shortly after returning from the Montreal Congress, the priest got a telephone call at his parish. A young man asked to come and talk with him. He was an officer of a fashionable Episcopal church in New York, and he had just returned from a trip to Montreal, where he happened to read about Joseph Delisle and his extraordinary fast.

The visitor told the priest that he wished to become a Catholic. When the priest asked him why, the young man said that he had been thinking about a conversion but that it was the story of Joseph Delisle that finally convinced him to take the final step. As described later in The Sentinel, the young man told the priest that "he was so affected by the Indian's tribute to the Blessed Sacrament, that, inspired by the grace of God, he resolved to become a Catholic in order that he, too, might taste the Bread of the Strong, the Food of the Angels."

From the office of the

Vice-Postulator

Monsignor Paul A. Lenz, P.A.



In the last issue of the SENTINEL was explained the working program of a Postulator and a Vice Postulator, that both had to be named by the Vatican and that both had special areas of information to gather and report all materials to the Vatican. I gave the name of the Postulator in Rome, Father Paul Molinari, S.J., a priest very much dedicated to Blessed Kateri, and as Vice-Postulator, have here on the wall, my official assignment from the Vatican written in Latin.

It was pleasure to hear from many persons who said they were happy to learn the duties of the Postulator and the progress of the Cause to date.

In that same article it mentioned, after working from July of the year 1007, gathering needed hospital and medical records and other pages of information,

a box of documents two feet high was sent to the Vatican in Rome through the kindness of Archbishop Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio of the Vatican Embassy here in Washington.

Nothing was heard from Rome until December 28, 2010, when an e-mail arrived informing us that the Cause was being studied. Other fax and e-mail letters requesting further details have been coming to the Postulator Office of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. As Postulator, I have been assisted by many people. Maggie Bunson of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who has written several books and many articles about Kateri, and her son, Matthew, a well known national journalist, have contributed much to the Cause of Blessed Kateri. Also, Father Edward Sherman, author of the popular

book on Kateri, and medical doctor, Mary Soha of Jacksonville, Florida.

And in Rome, at the Vatican, there is Cardinal Raymond J. Burke, who last July was appointed a member of the Secretariate for Canonizations. As the Bishop of La Crosse, Wisconsin, he had a very large statue of Blessed Kateri erected and dedicated at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. When Archbishop of St. Louis, he wrote an episcopal letter about Kateri which was circulated widely.

Now that the acceptance of the miracle for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is so close, we desperately need more prayers to see it through to completion. Only THEN, can the Church joyfully call Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

Join the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,

Highlights include:

Canonization in St. Peter's Square with Pope Benedict XVI –
Vatican City – Vatican Museum – Classical Rome –
Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi – Siena – Florence –
Montecatini – Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua –
Venice

Daily Mass and Rosary



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The above prices do not include airline departure taxes, or airline fuel surcharges.

The listed itinerary is subject to change, based on Vatican schedules, and other unforeseen circumstances.

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Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in a village on the Mohawk River near Auriesville, New York. Her father was a Mohawk chief and her mother a Christian Algonquin. When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic claimed her parents and her baby brother, and left her face scarred. After Jesuit missionaries made contact with the Mohawks, Kateri began to demonstrate a deep and mystical love for Jesus Christ, which had perhaps been nurtured by her mother. At the age of 20, she approached the Jesuits and asked to be baptized.

On Easter Sunday 1676, she was baptized and took the name Kateri Tekakwitha. The persecution of Kateri started almost immediately after her baptism. She did not complain about the treatment and humiliations she received from others. Soon after it was arranged for Kateri to move to a new Christian community of Indians in Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged, desiring nothing more than to give her life over to Jesus. On March 25, 1679, Kateri vowed to live as a Bride of Christ, consecrating her virginity to the Lord and service to His Church. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus crucified. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of 24. In death, the scars disappeared from her face. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks."

In the late 1800s, Native Catholics began appealing to the Vatican that Kateri's life be examined for possible sainthood. In the 1942, Pope Pius XII declared her Venerable. Msgr. Paul Lenz, former executive director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and priest of the Diocese of Johnstown-Altoona, Pa., serves as the vice postulator of her cause. In 1980, Pope John Paul II declared her Blessed, and on Dec. 19, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI approved the miracle attributed to her intercession. The current executive director of the Bureau is Father Wayne Paysse, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

For nearly 140 years **the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions** has helped nurture the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Native Americans in every corner of the United States. The Bureau draws upon the rich legacy of missionary activity to Native Americans, which began before the United States was founded. Realizing the unique spiritual heritage and traditions of each Indian tribe, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions works to help deepen the faith through programs of evangelization and faith formation, and also build bridges between Native American Catholics and others. Its current Board members are Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, President of the Board; Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, and Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap of Philadelphia, himself a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe.

A Pilgrimage & Tour to Rome, Italy for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha "Lily of the Mohawks"

with
Father Wayne Paysse
Executive Director
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions



October 18 - 24, 2012

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Two Tour Options:

A seven-day itinerary includes
Assisi, Rome, and the canonization
or

An eleven-day itinerary includes all of the
above...

plus two nights in Tuscany
and two in Venice

Day 1 – Thursday – USA...ITALY

Depart from USA. Dinner and overnight aloft.

Day 2 – Friday - ROME

Arrive in **ROME** where your Renaissance Group representative will meet you after you've passed customs. Since the hotel rooms will not be ready this early in the day, you will go straight to the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, by private motorcoach, to attend Mass. Check-in at the hotel where you will have some time to rest and freshen up before a walking tour of Renaissance Rome which will include the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. A "Welcome Dinner" will be served in a local restaurant. Overnight in your hotel.



Fountain of Trevi, Rome

Day 3 – Saturday – ROME

You awake in the Eternal City and enjoy a breakfast in your hotel. Your day starts with a visit of the Vatican Museums where we'll cover the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms and, in the Sistine Chapel, the most overwhelming of all, Michelangelo's masterpiece of the Last Judgment. There will be a tour of St. Peter's Basilica, unsurpassed in beauty and a monument to the rich history of the Catholic Church. Among its priceless treasures: the Pieta and Bernini's amazing bronze canopy. Overnight in your hotel.

Day 4 – Sunday – ROME...FRASCATI...ROME

After breakfast in your hotel, you will return to St. Peter's for the canonization activities (subject to Vatican schedules). At the conclusion of the ceremonies, you will go on a short ride outside the city, passing Castel Gandolfo, the private summer residence of the Holy Father, before stopping for a festive lunch served in **FRESCATI**. This picturesque town sits along the Roman hills, high above the Eternal City and is recognized worldwide for its production of fine wines. One can see splendid Roman villas nestled amidst the surrounding forests, large olive groves, and superb vineyards. The rest of your evening is at leisure. Overnight in your hotel in **ROME**.



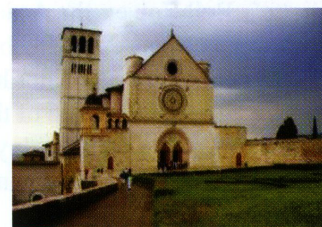
St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

Day 5 – Monday

Today we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving. After Mass, the day is open to partake in any events that may be scheduled in connection with the canonization. The balance of the day will be at leisure.

Day 6 – Tuesday – ROME...ASSISI...ROME

After breakfast in your hotel, you will travel to **ASSISI** and view the basilica of the beloved St. Francis. This building was nearly destroyed, in 1997, when its roof collapsed during the horrendous earthquake. You will be shown the magnificent frescos which have now been almost completely restored, visit the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, and wander around the quaint town full of small artisan shops. In the evening, we will return to **ROME** for a "Farewell Dinner." Overnight in your hotel.



Basilica of St Francis, Assisi

Day 7 – Wednesday – ROME...USA

Transfer to Fiumicino Airport for your return flight to the USA, arriving on the same day.

OPTIONAL POST-CANONIZATION EXCURSION

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Day 7 – Wednesday – ROME...SIENA...

MONTECATINI

After breakfast in your hotel, you will check out and proceed to **SIENA**. This city has conserved its pure medieval character that prevailed during the 13th and 14th centuries. Walking along Siena's narrow Gothic alleys and streets, you will discover magnificent palaces, patrician mansions, stores, and boutiques. The famous Piazza del Campo is where all roads converge and where the city competes in the yearly "Palio," a highly-contested horserace. On the way to **MONTECATINI**, you will stop for a wine tasting. Lunch is on your own. Dinner and overnight in your hotel

Day 8 – Thursday – MONTECATINI...

FLORENCE...MONTECATINI

After breakfast in your hotel, you will leave for a full-day tour of **FLORENCE** the birthplace of the Renaissance. Highlights

will include the Duomo; the Baptistry, with its golden doors by Ghiberti;

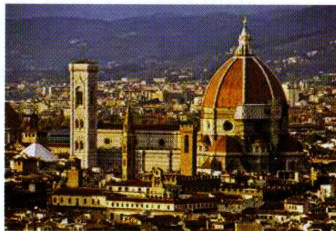
Giotto's Bell Tower; the Academy of Fine Arts which houses the original "David" by Michelangelo; and Piazza della Signoria. After lunch, you will have some free time to explore more of the city's marvels on your own, but dinner will be with your group after which you will overnight in your hotel in **MONTECATINI**.



Montecatini

Day 9 – Friday – MONTECATINI...PADUA

After breakfast in your hotel, you will leave for **PADUA**. Recognized as a scientific, artistic, and cultural center, Padua is the second largest university city in all of Europe. Known as a pilgrimage city, millions come every year to visit this home of St. Anthony, patron saint of lost items. Inside his basilica, you will visit the richly decorated tomb of the beloved miracle-worker. While in Padua, you will also find the most complete



Florence

and best-preserved collection of Giotto's works. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in your hotel.

Day 10 – Saturday – PADUA...VENICE...PADUA

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will leave for **VENICE**. Filled with gondolas, motorboats, and peppermint-stick boat moorings, this is a city built on 117 small islands with some 150 canals and 409 bridges. Highlights of the tour will feature Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square), which Napoleon thought of as the finest drawing room in Europe; and St. Marco's Basilica housing the body of the saint, and which embodies a magnificent blend of architectural and decorative styles. A private Mass will be celebrated in the basilica.

You will see the Ca' D'Oro (Golden House), acclaimed as the most beautiful Gothic building in Venice; the 16th century Ponte di Rialto; and the Doges' Palace. You will sample a typical Venetian repast and enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure before returning to **PADUA** to overnight in your hotel.



Grand Canal, Venice

Day 11 – Sunday – PADUA...USA

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will leave **PADUA** for a short ride to the airport to board your transatlantic flight for the USA where you will arrive on the same day.

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Spring: From Reflection to Reflection *by Father Wayne Paysse*

We are all intertwined with life from God's creation, in our mother's womb to life that reaches out like a vine on a branch that can blossom the colors of a rainbow or call out with the simplicity of twists, turns and thoughts that set us free. Our imagination can soar like an eagle that sees from on high far above the trees the mountains and the deep blue oceans that cover the earth.

Our hearts are fragile, but have great capacity to love and to be loved, to be connected, to be attached like a clump of earth to a root that gives life over and over each season.

Our eyes are like lanterns giving light to the space that surrounds us so we might see with the eyes of the Eternal One: Reverence! Dignity! Glory!

The pond of creation reflects all that is good . . . like the grandeur of a cloud or a tiny sparrow or a tree.

All we need to do is to pause for a moment and to be caught up with the other side of reality in quiet reflection.

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