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## St. Kateri: Pray for us!



Dear Mission Family,

Welcome to The Sentinel! This issue is dedicated to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha who was canonized on Mission Sunday, October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It was a glorious day with clear blue skies! I was there with over 700 pilgrims who traveled with the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. St. Peter's Square was filled with over 80,000 pilgrims who traveled to the Eternal City to witness the canonization of seven new saints. You too will join our pilgrimage through some of the enclosed photos. With future issues and on our website, [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org) more images will be available for your viewing pleasure.

Don't miss the article on the canonization highlights, the Year of Faith, 2012-2013, Tekakwitha Conference moments, Evangelization memories, and Monsignor Paul A. Lenz, Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Be sure to peruse the latest St. Kateri books, commemorative medallions,

and other items. Now, I wish to share with you a Christmas Reflection.

Do you have a favorite crèche scene... one perhaps handed down to you by your grandmother... or maybe it's the corn husk crib you or your grandchild made as a fourth grader. Are you familiar with an enormous display of cribs from around the world? Frequently these reminders of the beautiful Christmas story come clothed in ethnic garb from perhaps Peru or Africa or even Native regalia from the southwest. It matters not the age or appearance of the crèche or where it is located... under your Christmas tree, in the nave of your parish church or even the plywood personalities in your neighbor's yard.

Whatever the design, fitting in the palm of your hand or expanded live-action at the local park, the crèche is a reminder that the "Word made flesh and dwells among us." Not just on December 25, but every day you and I are called to incarnate Christ, that is to make Christ present, in our interaction with others. The great mystic, Meister Eckhart once said, "What good is it to me if Mary gave birth to the Son of God...if I do not give birth to the Son of God in my time and culture?"

Do enjoy the artistic creativity and ethnic diversity you might see during this Christmas Season. Seek to be an ambassador of Christ discovering new ways to enfold Gospel values in your daily life as 2013 unfolds.

Whether barefoot, in the latest sports shoe or in hand beaded moccasins, the first reading during daytime Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity proclaims from Isaiah 52:

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news...

Wishing you and your loved ones blessings during this Christmastide and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend W. Carroll Paysse  
Executive Director

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# St. Kateri, St. Kateri!

By Msgr. Paul A. Lenz

IT WAS A GREAT DAY – OCTOBER 21, 2012. The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, at the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican bestowed upon Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the title of SAINT.

After many years, Native Americans and thousands of people devoted to Kateri, were thrilled to now be able to pray to her as SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA.

The Pilgrimage of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions made up of 724 persons, was just one of many groups from the United States and Canada present at the Holy Mass when Pope Benedict XVI declared our Kateri was Saint Kateri.

With the announcement from the Vatican in February 2012, Father Paysse, the Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions began at once to prepare for the Canonization day of October 21, 2012. As the Vice-Postulator for the promotion of the Cause, I assisted Father Paysse and he was able to arrange a wonderful week trip to Rome and throughout Italy.

The most important event was the Canonization Mass of Sunday, October 21. Father Paysse and I were invited, along with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, our Native American Archbishop, to concelebrate the Mass with the Holy Father. We were very close to the altar and to Pope Benedict XVI. After the canonization Mass a wonderful and tasty luncheon and reception found nearly 800 pilgrims and guests at the La Perla, a well known restaurant in Castel Gandolfo, the summer home of the Pope. The U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican had a reception for the pilgrims at the Vatican Museums and was present with the group all afternoon at the La Perla Restaurant.

The day following the canonization the pilgrimage group participated in a Mass of Thanksgiving at The Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica. Archbishop Chaput was the celebrant of the Mass and Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, NY delivered the Homily. A reception for St. Kateri was held at The Pontifical North American College where seminarians from the United States were in attendance.

Free time was provided for the pilgrims and they were pleased to see the Coliseum and the many old sights of the City of Rome. The Native Americans present for the canonization were from many areas of the United States and Canada. Large groups attended from Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Phoenix, New Mexico, Albany and other areas. The occasion was great and the liturgies and activities were appreciated by the followers of Saint Kateri.

The Lord has blessed all of us with the canonization of St. Kateri. I am particularly grateful to each of you and all who have been so patient and prayerful these many years. Our work has come to an end. Let us now promote the holy name, St. Kateri, St. Kateri!



Msgr. Paul Lenz is greeted by Cathryn Gartmann and participants at the Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Basilica.



Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, venerates the relic of the new saint at the Mission House in Washington, D.C., as Father Wayne Paysse, Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, looks on.



# Canonization highlights



(Lumen photo / Chris Newkumet)

Father Wayne Paysse greets the people assembled at the Friday evening reception in the Vatican Gardens. US Ambassador to the Holy See Miguel H. Diaz and his wife Marian look on.



(Lumen photo / Chris Newkumet)

St. Kateri is acknowledged with dignity and reverence.



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Philadelphia Archbishop and member of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions' Board of Directors Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. (Potawatomi), along with Father Dana Pelotte, S.S.S. (Abenaki), at the beginning of the Mass of Thanksgiving for Saint Kateri's Canonization at the Altar of the Chair in Saint Peter's Basilica.



Monsignor Paul A. Lenz and Father Wayne Paysse in Rome with the Finkbonner family. Jacob, (seen here with his parents Danny and Elsa), was cured of a life-threatening disease by the prayers of Saint Kateri.

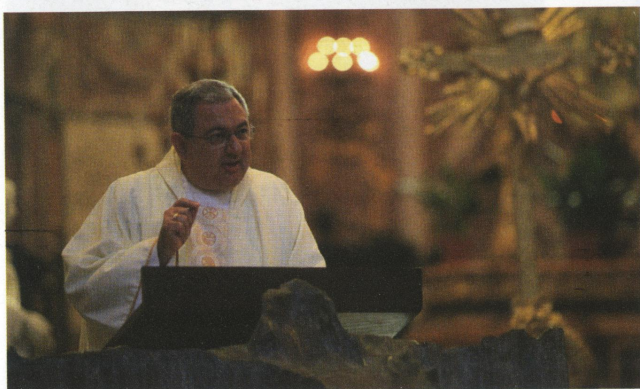


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Juanatano Cana, {a Mayan Indian}, leads the procession for the Saint Kateri Mass.

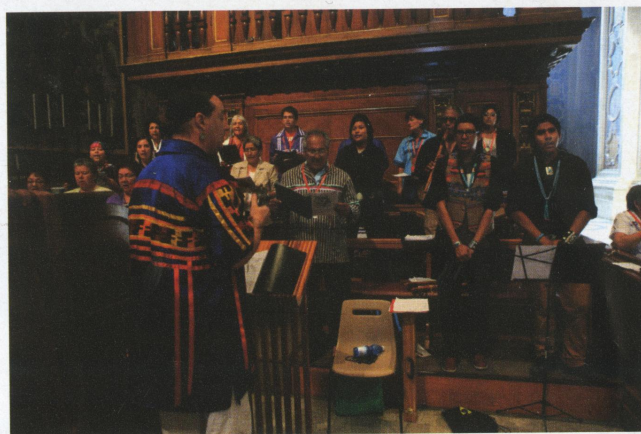


# Canonization Highlights



(Lumen photo / Chris Newkumet)

Father Paysse shares the faith of St. Kateri during Mass in Rome.



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The Native American choir during the Mass of Thanksgiving raises their voices in praise of St. Kateri.



(Lumen photo / Chris Newkumet)

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano distributes Holy Communion to a Native American pilgrim.



Many Native Americans proudly wore their regalia during the celebrations.

(Lumen photo / Chris Newkumet)



Msgr. John Kozar, president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), Auxiliary Bishop Robert D. Gruss of Rapid City, Abbott Lawrence Stasyszen, OSB, of St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee, OK, and Msgr. James Dixon, former vicar general of the Archdiocese of the Military, USA, make their way to St. Peter's Square for the canonization Mass.

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Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and thousands of Native Americans from throughout the US participated in the celebrations.

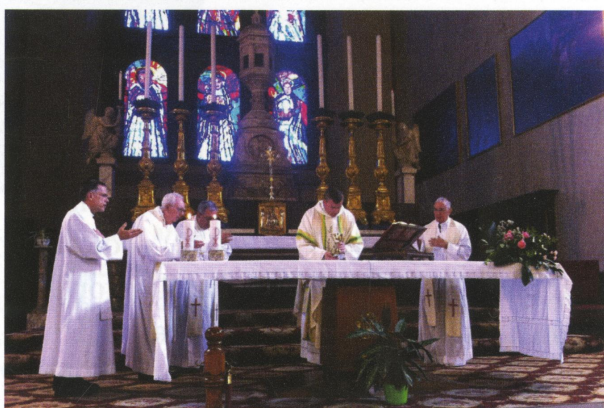


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Bishop Sam Jacobs of Houma-Thibodaux was the principal celebrant at a Mass at St. Mary of the Angels in Rome.



Father Wayne Paysse and Msgr. Paul Lenz share lunch in Florence with the Native American community.



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Fr. Chad Gion, Diocese of Bismarck, serves as the Main Celebrant at the Church of St. Catherine in Siena, patron of St. Kateri.



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Prayers and smiles fill all hearts following the Mass in Rome.



(Lumen photo / Chris Newkumet)

Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., presents the relics of St. Kateri at the canonization Mass.





# The Year of Faith

By Father W. Carroll Paysse

*"Push out into the deep..." Luke 5:4*

The leadership and staff of the Black and Indian Mission Office are pleased to participate in and promote the "Year of Faith" announced by Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*.

In addition to his duties as Archbishop of New York and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Timothy Cardinal Dolan serves as President of the Board for the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. His Eminence addressed the XIII General Assembly of the Ordinary Synod of Bishops (October 7-28, 2012) dedicated to theme: 'The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith.' He suggested that Reconciliation remains the "primary sacrament of the New Evangelization" because it "evangelizes the evangelizers."

During the Synod, the Universal Church celebrated two great milestones on October 11th, making both the Golden Jubilee of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, as well as the twentieth anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Highlighted as the "first public event of the Year of Faith" – and of special significance to our office – the Canonization of the Six Martyrs and Confessors of the Faith took place on Sunday, October 21, 2012. Father Paysse and Monsignor Lenz served as

concelebrants at the Mass held in St. Peter's Square, being joined by over 700 pilgrims from across North America who spent the week in Rome to observe the long-awaited canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. This Lily of the Mohawks led a deep spiritual life.

When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Push out into the deep..." Pope Benedict XVI has issued a similar call to the world Church in mandating a Year of Faith. From October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013, every Catholic is urged to push out into the depth of their lived faith and personal call to holiness.

Logo Explained: The boat is the traditional sign of the Church and the movement in the logo is subtly visible in the wave lapping at the edges. Overhead in what appears as the "sail" is the cross, a sign of love and faith. Completing the sail you can make out IHS. These are the first three letters for the Greek spelling of Jesus' name. All of this is against a rounded background, hinting at a sun or moon. In reality people of faith recognize Eucharist, the "source and summit of our Christian life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1324.)

In your parish church, in your school or religious education program or in your family, what might you do to "push out into the deep" in this Year of Faith?



# Evangelization Memories

## Chief Hollow Horn Bear



During this Year of Faith, 2012-2013, *The Sentinel* will look back to offer an individual or place to our readers, where they can be moved to reflect on the important work of evangelization.

Chief Hollow Horn Bear, a Sioux Indian, was born in what today is Sheridan County, Nebraska. He was the son of Chief Iron Shell. His likeness appeared on a frontier-cut stamp. He earned his early fame as a warrior and later became something of a celebrity along the East Coast. Hollow Horn Bear was appointed as head of Indian police at the Rosebud Agency, South Dakota.

In 1905, he was invited to take part in the inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt and in 1913, he led a group of Indians to the presidential inauguration parade for Woodrow Wilson. On that visit, he caught pneumonia and died on March 15, 1913, in Washington, D.C. His funeral took place at St. Paul's Catholic Church in our Nations Capitol. Many prominent national leaders attended the funeral including the Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Monsignor William H. Ketchum:

"Hollow Horn Bear was a friend... and a Christian. He used his influence among the Indians to promote the observance of religion. While in Washington he attended Mass faithfully. Only last Sunday he with a large number of Indians of various tribes attended 10 o'clock Mass at St. Paul's Church. After he fell ill and was taken to Providence Hospital he asked for the priest. When I arrived the First words of Hollow Horn Bear were, "Sinaspapa" – priest (black robe). He had received the sacrament early in Lent, and reverently prepared for the rite. After Holy Viaticum and the anointing, the prayers for the dying were read. With the last blessing and indulgence with all the Church can give, his soul went forth to meet our God. May his memory be cherished among you, and may his example be a light to the feet of those who seek to walk in the ways of progress and the ways of Jesus Christ!"

Let us not underestimate the power of Christ in the work of evangelization. The Lord brought Chief Hollow Horn Bear close to the Divine Presence of the Almighty through his own experience of nature, customs, and faith. May we all imitate the good example of Chief Hollow Horn Bear!



# Tekakwitha Conference attracts over 1,000 participants

## Tekakwitha Conference 2012

The 73rd Tekakwitha Conference, July 18-22, 2012 was a grand success with over 1,000 participants in Albany, NY. The Conference was held in St. Kateri's Mohawk Homeland of St. Regis Reservation. The theme of the Conference was "Walking in the Footsteps of Kateri." How appropriate! We continued to walk in our hearts all the way to Rome for the canonization, October 21, 2012.

Alma Ransom, a former Mohawk Chief said, "the canonization of our Patroness is what we've prayed for in all these conferences and now it's coming to pass." Please enjoy the few enclosed Conference photos.

Mark your calendar now for the 2013 Tekakwitha Conference, July 17-21, El Paso, TX. Visit [www.tekconf.org](http://www.tekconf.org) or call 406-727-0147.

Saint Kateri, Pray for Us!



(Photo by Herman Ray)

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Executive Director Fr. Wayne Paysse presented Director of Native American Ministries, Veronica Valandra, with the Msgr. Ketchum award during the National Tekakwitha Conference, July 20.



A group (including Father John Hascall, O.F.M. Cap., and Brother Conrad Heinen, O.F.M. Cap.) are attentive at a presentation during the 2012 Tekakwitha Conference in Fonda, N.Y.



# Tekakwitha Conference



A group (including Father Nicholas Ast, O.S.B., of Saint Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee, Okla.) poses for a photo during the 2012 Tekakwitha Conference at the National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda, N.Y.



Many Native Americans, wearing their regalia, participated in numerous Masses, workshops and other events at the conference.



Youth love Saint Kateri too.



The annual gathering of Catholic American Indians focused on stories and celebrations of St. Kateri who was canonized on October 21, 2012. She is the first member of a North American tribe to be declared a saint.



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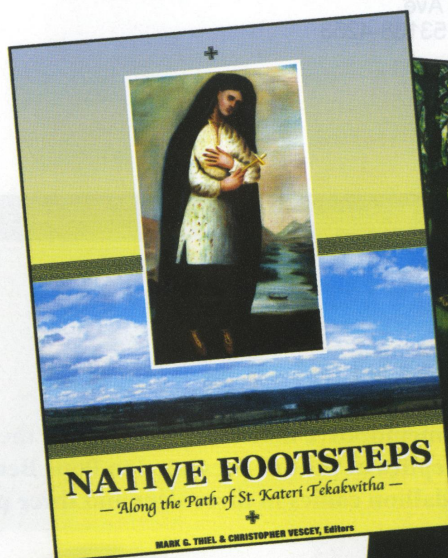


# ***Celebrate Our Beloved Kateri***

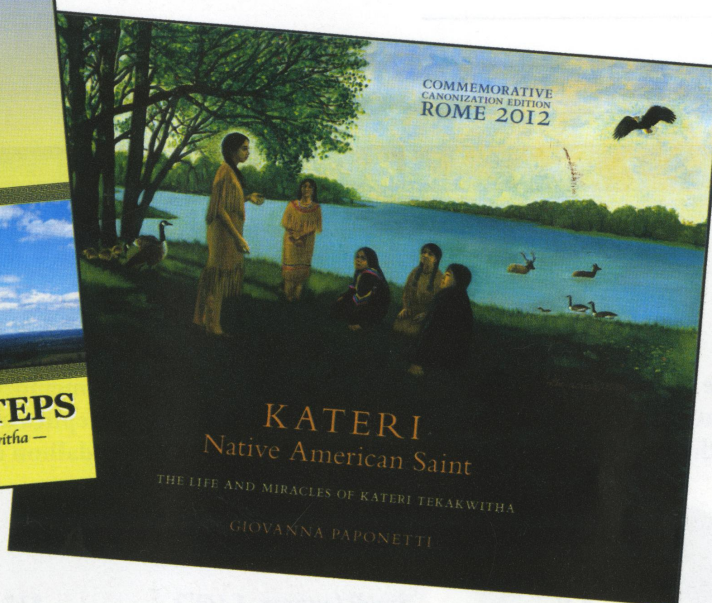
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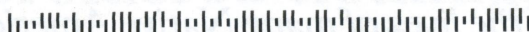
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# Commemorative Medallions Celebrate Canonization

The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions has struck a commemorative medallion to celebrate the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. The medallion is an exact replica of the one presented to Pope Benedict XVI on the occasion of Kateri's canonization in Rome. The medallion comes in three sizes and three prices.



The sizes and prices are:

Small (approx. 1 1/2")	\$15
Medium (approx. 2 1/2")	\$50
Large (approx. 3")	\$100



The medal has a golden-bronze finish and features an image of Kateri on the front along with her final words, "Jesus, I love you" in English and her native tongue. The reverse depicts a turtle to note her membership in the Turtle Clan of the Mohawk Nation. Atop the turtle are depictions of the Three Sisters (corns, beans, squash), the three main agricultural crops of the Native peoples in the United States. The lillies symbolize her title, "Lily of the Mohawks." The medallion also notes her canonization date and that it occurred during the Year of Faith.

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