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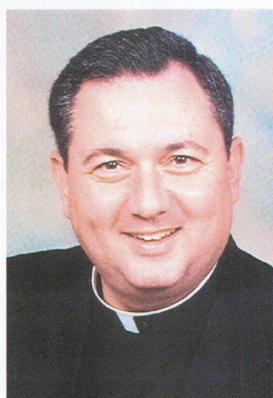
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Pope brings new hope, life to Church



Dear Mission Family,

With this publication, we are only a few weeks into the pontificate of Pope Francis. As we extend our prayer and greetings to our Holy Father, we also welcome spring here in Washington, D.C. With the blooming of the cherry blossoms, daffodils, and fresh green grass, the presence of the Pope brings new hope and life to the Church.

It is no different for the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. With the support of our friends and benefactors, we continue our "mission to the missions" by supporting the evangelization arm of the Church to Native Americans and Alaskan Natives. Together we carry on with renewed zeal and energy the daily

needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the United States.

In these pages, you will enjoy stories and photos of dreams fulfilled and the ongoing ministries of our missionaries.

You too are an important link to our ministry outreach. First, we need your prayers and sacrifices. Second, become an apostle for the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions by sharing our legacy with your family and friends. Please send in names or organizations that may consider supporting our missionary cause. The support of Indian mission schools on reservations is an excellent way to support us! Third, let us hear from you. Tell us why you support the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions with your prayers and financial assistance.

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Finally, the Board of Directors and staff join me in extending Easter greetings to you and your loved ones. Peace, blessings, and joy!

In the Risen Lord,

Reverend W. Carroll Paysse
Executive Director

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Farewell and God Bless



Father Paysse, left, and Msgr. Paul A. Lenz at a canonization celebration in Rome.

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

After many years, Native Americans and thousands of people known and 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 for all to hear that our Kateri was Saint Kateri.

When the announcement was made at 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 miracle that was needed by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, I assisted Father Paysse and he was able to arrange a wonderful week trip to Rome and Assisi.

The most important event was the Canonization Mass of Sunday, October 21. Father Paysse and I were invited, along with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., our Native American archbishop, to celebrate the Mass with the Holy Father. We were very close to the altar and to the Holy Father. After the Mass that was seen on television around the world, a wonderful and enjoyable luncheon and reception found the 724 pilgrims and guests at the La Perla, a well known restaurant at Castel Gandolfo, the summer home of the Holy Father. The Ambassador of the United States 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 assisted at a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Altar of the Chair behind the main altar of Saint 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 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 Saint 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, Saint Kateri! I say, "Farewell and God bless."

Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, Vice Postulator -



Mission Office Rejoices at Church's New Shepherd

By Patrick Finn,
BCIM Communications Director

Staff at the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions gathered around a computer at the Mission House on March 13 at the news of billowing white smoke from the Sistine Chapel roof in Vatican City. "An-nuntio vobis gaudium magnum: habemus papam!" came the joyful announcement from Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran. What a thrill to witness the news of a new pope! By now, we all know the story: Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected Bishop of Rome, taking the name Francis.

Pope Francis has since made a deep impression on the Church and the world at large. Father Paysse, Executive Director of the Bureau, wrote the day after Pope Francis' election, "It is so impressive to see how God provides for His holy people. ... The Vicar of Christ is simple, humble, and eager to do the Lord's work." Father Paysse cited the theme from the Pope's homily at the closing Mass of the conclave—that of walking in God's pres-

ence, building the Church, and professing faith in Christ—as the very work of the Bureau itself. "This has been the essence of our 'mission to the missions' since 1874," Father Paysse wrote.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York and president of the Bureau's board, wrote about feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the conclave. "One of the older cardinals...assured me I would sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in all of this. He was right." Cardinal Dolan went on to cite Pope Francis' election as "a great milestone in our Church," a point echoed by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput. "He is a wonderful choice; a pastor God sends not just to the Church but to every person of good will who honestly yearns for justice, peace, and human dignity in our time." Baltimore Archbishop William Lori prayed for the Church under its new leadership, "that it may continue to serve God and the common good through the Christ-like works inspired by our Catholic faith."

New American Saints Celebrated at National Shrine



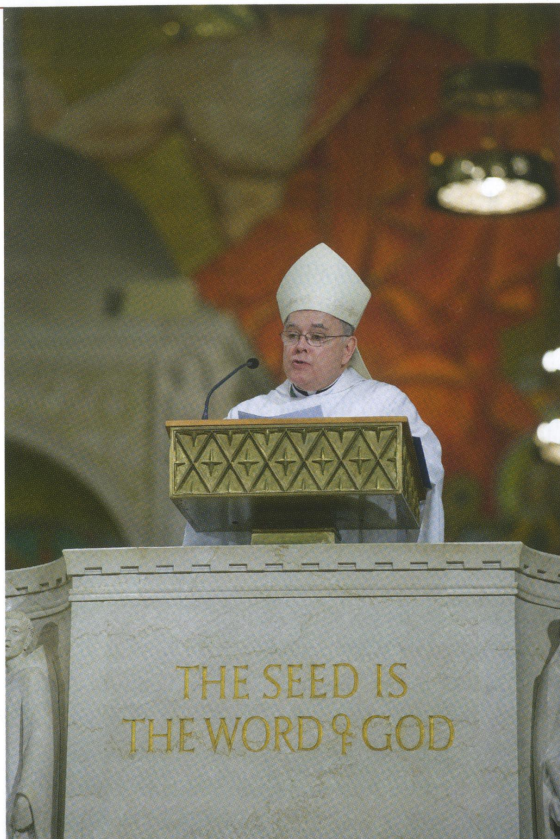
By Patrick Finn, BCIM Communications Director

The two newest American saints shared a large stage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here in Washington, D.C. on January 26. The National Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American woman saint, and Saint Marianne Cope, a Franciscan sister who labored among the lepers of Molokai, drew hundreds to the majestic Great Upper Church of the Basilica. Thanks to the Eternal Word Television Network, CatholicTV of the Archdiocese of Boston, and Salt + Light Catholic Television, thousands more across North America watched the Mass on television.

The main celebrant of the Mass, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, was joined by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., who served as homilist. Archbishop Chaput lauded both women as shining examples of great Christian women throughout the centuries. "They teach us by word and example that our own enthusiasm for good works and holy lives must not run out," he said.

Native American cultures were in great evidence throughout the celebration. Louise Cook, a member of the Mohawk Nation, proclaimed the second reading in Mohawk. A procession of banners depicting the major events of Kateri's life took place just before the Mass, and many natives were present in traditional regalia. Relics of the two saints were displayed for veneration. Father Paysse, Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, made concluding remarks at the end of the celebration.

Many in attendance were struck by the beauty and significance of the celebration. Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference, recalled the great number of Native people who traveled great distances—some came from Montana and Arizona—and others who traversed bad weather in the northeastern states to attend the Mass. "They would do anything to go wherever she is being honored. ... It was a time to give thanks to our God for all that has taken place in the lives of our people through the intercession of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha."



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia delivered the homily.

Kateri film premiere

North American Premiere of Film on Saint Kateri — The celebration of Saint Kateri's canonization began the night before the National Mass of Thanksgiving. "In Her Footsteps: the Story of Kateri Tekakwitha," a brand new 50-minute documentary produced by Salt + Light Catholic TV in Ontario, saw its North American premiere on January 25 at the National Shrine. Rev. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., Salt + Light's CEO, was on hand to introduce the film and field questions, along with Sister Kateri Mitchell, S.S.A., Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference; Monsignor Paul Lenz, vice-postulator for the cause of Saint Kateri; and Father Paysse, BCIM's Executive Director.



Louise Cook, a member of the Mohawk nation, read the second reading of the Mass in the Mohawk language.



Leona Gonzales and her granddaughter (from the Tuscarora Nation in New York State), along with Joseph Enos (Tohono O'odham) from Arizona, participate in the National Mass of Thanksgiving.



First Earth Day since Kateri's canonization invites reflection

Reflection by Rev. Mr. Timothy S. Hickey, transitional deacon of the Archdiocese of Hartford, past editor of Columbia magazine and Mission Office intern

With the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha by Pope Benedict XVI last Oct. 21, this Earth Day, April 21, provides the Catholic faithful a great opportunity to make a spiritually enlightened, faith-filled response to environmental questions. We can draw inspiration for this task from two sources. The first is traditional Native American concern and reverence for the world created and sustained by God, which Kateri's memory evokes. The second is the social doctrine of the Catholic Church regarding care for the environment highlighted in the writings of Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

The Lily of the Mohawks, as Saint Kateri has come to be known and venerated, lived a short but intensely spiritual life. She was a Mohawk maiden of the Turtle Clan. Sister of Ste. Anne Kateri Mitchell is executive director of the national

Tekakwitha Conference. She is also a Mohawk member of the Turtle Clan. Sister Kateri says her namesake lived closely to the earth. Like the turtle, Kateri moved slowly through her world observing creation. "From the tiniest little creature to the biggest, the turtle is able to see—and respect all of creation. Saint Kateri appreciated life because creation is where she found life, where she found peace," says Sister Kateri. Just as the turtle moves slowly and straight ahead toward its goal, once Kateri found the God who loved her and all of creation into being, she did not divert herself from returning to him.

Writing in 1696, just 16 years after her death, Jesuit Father Pierre Cholenec said that Kateri "found God everywhere, whether she was in church, in the woods or in the fields." She lived every moment with God. Father Cholenec witnessed firsthand Kateri's devotion in the Jesuit reduction, or mission, in Kahnawake, Que., where she moved with other Christians after her conversion. Kateri did not abandon her Native practices once she became Catholic. This integrity of self was also noted by Pope Benedict in his homily at the canonization Mass. "In her," he said, "faith and culture enrich each other." For instance, she would go on hunt with her people, but by her example she both practiced and taught Christian virtues to show how her newfound faith could give new meaning to the traditions of the Mohawks. Her life was seamless, in a sense. She was not a Mohawk maiden who was also a Catholic woman vowed to virginity. She was truly Indian, that is, "in di[o]" or "in Dios; or, in English, in God.

The harmoniousness of Kateri's life as a Catholic Mohawk made her more receptive to being in harmony with nature. In his message for the World Day of Peace 2001, Blessed John Paul II wrote that in the midst of the wonders of God's creation, "we discover the voice of the Creator, transmitted by heaven and earth, day and night: a language 'without words whose sound is heard,' capable of crossing all frontiers (Psalm 19)." Kateri's closeness to the earth and its rhythms of growth and harvest, its bounty and life-giving plenty, should inspire us to slow down to discover God speaking to us in his creation. When we do, we will find that God's desire is that we protect and preserve the good of his creation for everyone, and for all time, and not just for the privileged few at this privileged moment in history.

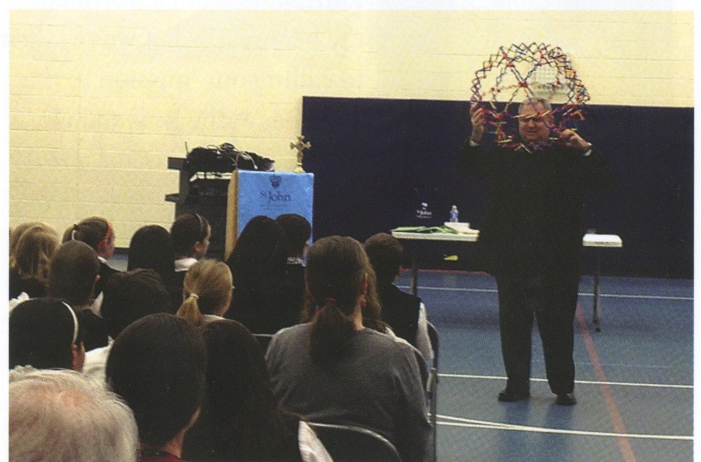
In his 1988 encyclical *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, John Paul noted that natural resources are limited and some non-renewable. "Using them as if they were inexhaustible," he wrote, "seriously endangers their availability not only for the present generation but above all for generations to come." A willful disregard for nature and its biological laws, John Paul concluded, is disregard for the moral laws that govern us. A due respect for nature and its laws, he said, must go hand in hand with the respect and dignity due to all living creatures, especially the most vulnerable.

During her lifetime, Kateri could certainly be described as among the most vulnerable. Orphaned at an early age, nearly blinded by small-pox and pock-marked by the same disease, she was ostracized by her people and threatened with torture if she did not renounce the faith. Kateri embraced these trials as readily as she embraced the crosses she fashioned out of sticks and placed throughout the woods. These “stations of the cross,” as it were, became for her reminders to accept the larger, mysterious crosses of life that accompany any believer on faith’s journey. Becoming people of prayer who see in creation God’s handiwork can help us to see nature not as something to be exploited for personal gain or corporate profit. Instead, as Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., noted in a thanksgiving homily after Kateri’s canonization, we can learn to see creation as “pulsating” with God’s presence. The poorest and most vulnerable in the world, many of whom confront life without clean water, arable land or crowded into smog-choked cities, are our brothers and sisters and deserve to be more than victims of our wastefulness. They pulsate with the same Spirit that, we pray, fills our lives and which certainly filled Kateri’s.

Kateri’s Iroquois name — Tekakwitha — can be interpreted as “One who places all things in order,” or “To put all into place.” This fact alone should inspire us to seek out Kateri’s

intercession in our work of environmental stewardship. The orderliness to Kateri’s life was that of creature to Creator. This is a relationship that leads to worship. Pope Benedict has often reflected on the “rhythm of worship,” which he describes as “the rhythm of God’s love for humankind.” God’s love for humankind is so great that he gave us the right and duty to be co-creators. Our role, however, is always one of cooperation and not of co-opting. If man places himself ahead of God or assumes control over things that are not rightfully his to control, such as nature and its resources, the rhythm of worship is silenced. At the most basic level, the bread and wine we bring as our offering to the altar of sacrifice at each Mass are gifts from God, as the priest now acknowledges in the prayer during the preparation of the gifts. If the earth that produces these gifts is spoiled by our neglect and abuse of nature, how pure, how holy, how worthy of God are these very same gifts? Saint Kateri can help us re-establish the rightful worship due God our Father and Creator.

This Earth Day is a blessed time for us as Catholics to renew our commitment to preserve, protect but above all respect creation. Environmental issues call for a spiritual response, claims the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. May Saint Kateri teach us the best way to respond.



Father Paysse shares good news of Saint Kateri

Father Paysse traveled to Saint John Regional Catholic School in Frederick, Maryland on February 8 to speak with the students about the story of Saint Kateri’s life. Fr. Paysse used a special prop (above) to demonstrate how our love for God and neighbor can ever increase, as it did for Saint Kateri.

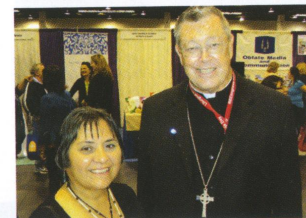
Special Events and News Briefs



Mrs. Kathy Piguet (Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians), principal of Saint Jude Mission School on the Soboba Indian Reservation in San Jacinto, California, shares a laugh with Mrs. Tina Lindberg and Ms. Patrice Morace from Annunciation Church in Washington, D.C. at the 2013 Religious Education Congress.



Mrs. Judy Horn and Sister Mary Seibert, M.S.C. pose for a photo taken by Mrs. Kathy Piguet - all representing Saint Jude Mission School on the Soboba Reservation in San Jacinto, Calif. Former BCIM Executive Assistant Bonny Wong looks on.



Mrs. Sylvia Salazar, Consultant for Native American Concerns for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Edward William Clark visit the BCIM booth at the 2013 Religious Education Congress.

Bureau staff traveled to Anaheim, California for the 47th annual Religious Education Congress, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Office of Religious Education, from February 22-24. Bonny Wong, BCIM Executive Assistant, and Patrick Finn, BCIM Communications Director, joined Kathy Piguet, Sister Mary Seibert, M.S.C., Judy Horn, and Michelle Romero from Saint Jude Mission School on the Soboba Indian Reservation in San Jacinto, California. "Having Kathy, Sister Mary, Judy, and Michelle with us on the exhibit hall floor was wonderful," Finn said. "They illustrated the beauty of what we've taken to calling our 'mission to the missions'—the Bureau helping missionaries make a real difference in the lives of so many." A few lucky Congress attendees came away with one of a collection of different

books raffled off over the weekend.



Father Paysse will present a two-day series on "Saint Kateri: Lily of the Mohawks, Lily of the Church" on May 3-4 at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Friday's audience will be local elementary school students. Saturday's events, geared

towards adults, begin at 10 AM and conclude with Mass in the Shrine Basilica at 1:30 PM. Both days will offer

time to reflect on the first Native American woman saint, in the very place where "Mother Seton"—the first U.S.-born saint—lived and died. RSVP requested. For more information and to register, please contact Seton Heritage Ministries at 301-447-6981 or ecolliflower@setonheritage.org.

The task of spreading the good news of Saint Kateri's life and virtues took Father Paysse to Saint Mary's Church in Hagerstown, Maryland the week of Ash Wednesday. Invited by Father J. Collin Poston, Pastor of Saint Mary's, Father Paysse gave a pre-Lenten parish mission. Parishioners enjoyed his relation of the extraordinary events leading to her canonization and watched the Salt + Light TV video on Saint Kateri's life.

Through the parish mission in Hagerstown, **the Bureau has found some new friends in the Hagerstown community of Secular Carmelites.** The Secular Carmelites are an international community of the lay faithful who seek to live a life of "friendship with the One we know loves us, in service to the Church." Members of the Hagerstown Secular Carmelite community have taken on the tedious but prayerful task of assembling **the new holy cards of Saint Kateri, complete with a third-class relic**—a small piece of cloth touched to the miraculous relic of Saint Kateri's bone. These cards are available in very limited quantities from the Bureau (secretary@blackandindianmission.org or 877-237-1605), with donations gratefully accepted for shipping and handling (we ask 75¢ each if possible). The cards have been assembled with love and prayer!

New Chapel at Xavier University of New Orleans fulfills Saint Katharine's vision for school — It's well known that Saint Katharine Drexel's mission and vision were by no means small. A national ministry coordination office, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; countless Black and Indian mission schools and churches all over the U.S.A.; the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament themselves; and a major university, Xavier University of New Orleans, all form part of her magnificent legacy. A major part of "Mother Katharine's" vision was recently fulfilled at Xavier University of New Orleans with the dedication of a new freestanding chapel on October 6, 2012. BCIM gave the chapel's baptismal font in honor of Monsignor Paul Lenz, former

Executive Director and long-time member of Xavier's Board. Monsignor Lenz and Father Paysse represented the BCIM at the dedication Mass.



Sister Madeleine — One of many places that is direct heir to Saint Katharine Drexel's mission is Saint Paul Indian Mission in Marty, South Dakota. Sister Madeleine LeCompte, O.S.B.S., an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and one of the first members of the Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament—founded at Marty in 1935 with the help of Mother Katharine—passed away on December 19, 2012, in Rapid City. At the time of her 50th jubilee, Sister Madeleine wrote: "Various ministries have been my lot. I began with the boys' sewing room at Marty as a Postulant and Novice." She then worked in fundraising, food service, administration, teaching, and other pastoral ministries. Funeral services were in Marty and Rapid City.



Father David Tickerhoof, T.O.R., Pastor of Saint Paul's since 1996, retired in January, returning to his Franciscan mother-house in Pennsylvania. His retirement concludes an 82-year presence

Father David Tickerhoof, T.O.R. of the T.O.R. Franciscan friars in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The Marty Kateri Circle honored him with a special star quilt. Father David wrote, "I have enjoyed very much living on the Reservation in this multi-cultural environment, and serving and pastoring the Ihanktonwan [Yankton Sioux] People. [These] have been years of growing love and affection for you as I attempted to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Grace to you. ... May the good Lord bless you all in every way possible according to your most hopeful and pressing need." Sioux Falls Bishop Paul Swain wrote, "I'm just grateful for their presence over all these years, certainly with their special focus on ministry to the Native Americans. ... Their presence has a lasting impact on us." A new diocesan priest pastor will take over within the next few months.

Tekakwitha Conference to celebrate "Faith, Culture, and Tradition" — The 74th Annual Tekakwitha Conference will convene hundreds of Native American Catho-

lics in El Paso, from July 17-21. This will be the first gathering of National Tekakwitha Conference members since the canonization of their patroness last October in Rome. Father Paysse will be in attendance. For more information, visit www.tekconf.org.



Prayers sought for bone marrow transplant patient

Prayers are requested for Lilah, a young Choctaw girl and student at Holy Rosary Indian Mission School in Philadelphia, Mississippi (supported by the Bureau). Lilah is receiving a bone marrow transplant. Father Bob Goodyear, S.T., Pastor of the Mission, reports that Lilah is in great spirits in spite of all the difficulty. "She is always smiling and her eyes can melt your heart in an instant. A couple months ago we anointed Lilah at the main Sunday liturgy. As I made the sign of the cross on her forehead she glowed!" News of Lilah's long-term outlook should become clear in the next few weeks. Let us pray!

Blue Cloud Abbey Closes; Leaves Lasting Legacy on Dakotas

By Tim Lanigan

When in 1949 four monks from Saint Meinrad Abbey in Indiana scouted possible locations for a new monastery, they settled on a spot in the rolling hills near Marvin, South Dakota as the best possible site for what became Blue Cloud Abbey. The reason for this site? The view. As one visitor later noted, "the guest house and the monastic facilities sit on the highest point for miles. After sundown, the lights of small towns faraway twinkle." Blue Cloud has attracted people from near and far to its retreats and seminars and has been the subject of several books by best-selling spiritual writer Kathleen Norris.

It may have been the view and the peaceful environment that attracted so many visitors in recent years, but it was the presence of many Native Americans that originally attracted Benedictine missionaries almost 140 years ago to bring the message of Christ to the Dakotas. The Benedictines had arrived in 1876 at the request of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. They were led by Bishop Martin Marty, then a Benedictine monk who had formed a friendship with Sitting Bull, the legendary Sioux chief. Under Bishop Marty's direction, the missionaries opened schools, wrote a dictionary of the Sioux language, translated Church writings into the Sioux language, and served the spiritual needs of native

peoples in the area.

In 1950, Blue Cloud Abbey was formed to provide missionaries in the area with a monastery of their own. An integral part of the Abbey was the American Indian Culture Resource Center, which, under the direction of the late Father Stan Maudlin, O.S.B., eventually housed more than 4,000 books, 40,000 photographs, and a wide range of artifacts.

In recent years, the mission schools were turned over to the management of the tribes themselves, a recognition of the growing importance of self-determination.

Last year, the monks voted to close their abbey. Why close? At its founding in 1950, there were 40 monks. At its closing, only 14 remained, 12 of them over 70. The Resource Center collection has been turned over to the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

The Abbey may close, but the memory of its mission will remain. One local headline said, "Abbey's closing leaves us poorer." Yet, says Father Paysse, Executive Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, "through years of service, the Benedictine missionaries have left generations of Native Americans richer in spirit."

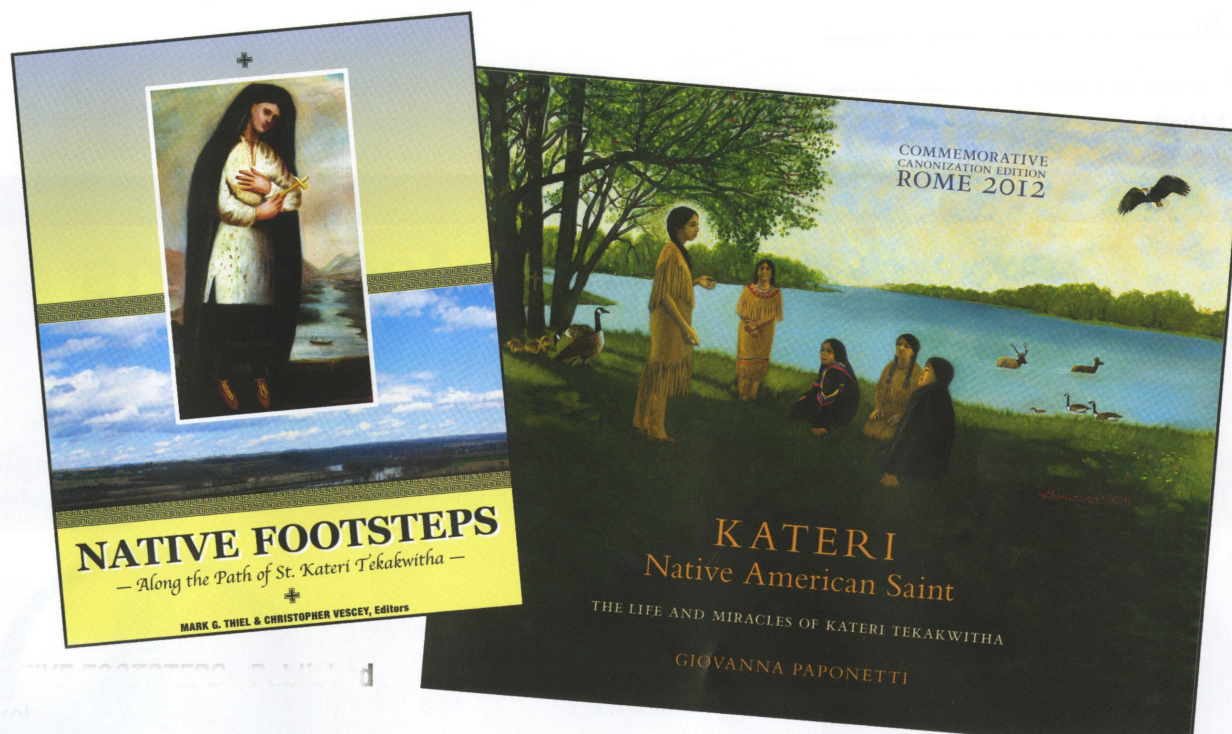


Celebrate Our Beloved Kateri

New Books on Our Newest Saint Now Available!

—Exclusively from the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions—

Learn more about her life, her powerful intercessory role in the lives of many Native American Catholics and others. Teach your children or grandchildren the ways of Kateri.



All books (except *Native Footsteps*) available from the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions - online at www.blackandindianmission.org or by phone (877-237-1605).

• ***Native Footsteps*** (edited by Mark Thiel and Christopher Vecsey) - published exclusively for the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions by Marquette University Press; captures in first-person stories, interviews, scholarly essays, and archived photos those who through the years have followed the "path of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha." Available directly from Marquette University Press (www.marquette.edu/mupress/NativeFootsteps.shtml or 1-800-247-6553).

• ***Kateri, Native American Saint: the Life and Miracles of Kateri Tekakwitha*** - written, designed, and with original artwork by Giovanna Paponetti. This popular picture book tells the story of Kateri's life and has been reprinted especially for the canonization. \$20.00 plus shipping

• ***Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*** (by Bernadette Nippert and Brenda & George Nippert) - a vividly illustrated children's book, *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha* tells the story of the first Native American woman saint. \$10.00 plus shipping (limited quantities)

• ***Saint Kateri Tekakwitha: Courageous Faith*** (adapted from a book by Lillian M. Fisher) - meet Saint Kateri and experience her heroism and holiness! \$8.00 plus shipping

• ***Tekakwitha: Holy Native, Mohawk Virgin*** (by Fr. Edward Sherman) - \$12.00 plus shipping

• ***Faces of Faith: a History of the First Order of Indian Sisters*** (by Thomas W. Foley) is also available, telling the story of the Congregation of American Sisters and its founder, Fr. Francis Craft (\$12.00 plus shipping).

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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.

To order, please send a check made payable to Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and note how many of each size medallion you would like to purchase.

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