

A CHRIST-CENTRED, CO-JOURNEY TOWARDS HEALING

This is the second week of the Campaign for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. We are asking you to consider supporting this fund set up by the Bishops of Canada. On **November 5th and 6th**, the Archdiocese will hold a special collection. All monies raised will be used to support initiatives by **local** Indigenous groups and organizations. As part of this initiative, we ask you to pray to St. Kateri Tekakwitha to help us in this journey of healing and reconciliation.

Saint Kateri, known as “the Lily of the Mohawks”, was born in 1656 in what is now New York State. Persecuted for the Catholic faith she held so tenaciously, she moved to a Christian Mohawk village in what is now Kahnawake, within the current diocese of Saint-Jean Longueuil, where she died at the age of 24.

All Canadians, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous, celebrated when Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome on October 21, 2012.

In a 1980 address to North American Indigenous Peoples, Pope John Paul II, as he then was, had this to say about Saint Kateri:

“We are all edified by her complete trust in the providence of God, and we are encouraged by her joyful fidelity to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

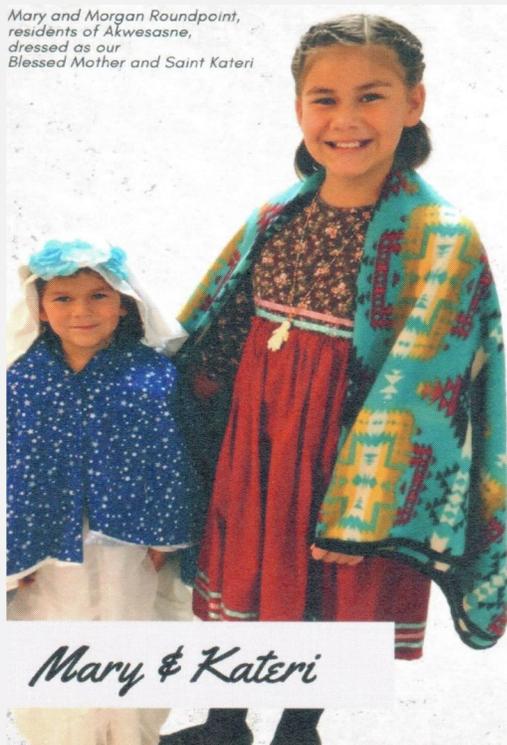
“The Church has declared to the world that Kateri Tekakwitha is blessed, that she lived a life on earth of exemplary holiness and that she is now a member in heaven of the Communion of Saints who continually intercede with the merciful Father on our behalf.”

“May you be inspired and encouraged by the life of Saint Kateri. Look to her for an example of fidelity; see in her a model of purity and love; turn to her in prayer for assistance.”

For information on this appeal, please visit the Archdiocese website:

<https://en.archoc.ca/indigenous-relations>

Mary and Morgan Roundpoint,
residents of Akwesasne,
dressed as our
Blessed Mother and Saint Kateri



Mary & Kateri

Prayer to St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister
in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us;
May your love for Jesus and Mary
inspire in us words and deeds of friendship,
of forgiveness and of reconciliation.

Pray that God will give us the courage,
the boldness and the strength to build
a world of justice and peace
among ourselves and among all nations.

Help us, as you did,
to encounter the Creator God
present in the very depths of nature,
and so become witnesses of Life.

With you, we praise
the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Amen.