

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



Two Tour Options:

7-day option includes:
Rome, Assisi, and canonization
Double, per person: \$1985
Single, \$2585

11-day option includes:
All of the above, along with 2 nights in Tuscany,
and 2 nights in Venice
Double, per person: \$2784
Single: \$3,584

Departures scheduled from:
Boston and New York

Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles (add \$150)
Please inquire regarding other cities

*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.*

Included Features:

- Round-trip air transportation, in economy class, from Boston, JFK, Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles. (From Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles, add \$150);
- Accommodations in first class hotels;
- English-speaking, professional tour escort from arrival to departure;
- All transfers and sightseeing, as per itinerary, via private deluxe motor coach;
- Daily buffet breakfast. Other meals, per itinerary;
- Airport assistance and baggage handling in-and-out of hotels.

The Renaissance Group's professional and experienced staff will be available to the group for assistance throughout the duration of the trip.

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.

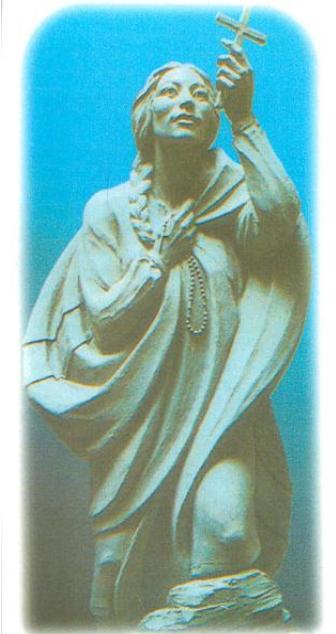
On Easter Sunday 1676, she was baptized and took the name Kateri Tekakwitha. The persecution of Kateri started almost immediately after her baptism. She did not complain about the treatment and humiliations she received from others. Soon after it was arranged for Kateri to move to a new Christian community 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



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