



Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha

Known as the 'Lily of the Mohawks', Kateri Tekakwitha, will be canonized on October 21 in Rome, becoming North America's first aboriginal saint. She was born in 1656 in Ossernenon (today Auriesville, New York) and died of tuberculosis in Kahnawake, Quebec in 1680. Kateri lived a pious and faith-filled life and was known for her faith and holiness. She taught prayers to children, cared for the elderly and the sick, and would often attend mass at sunrise and sunset.

It is believed that since Kateri's death many miracles have been performed through her intercession, with the sick being cured and many prayers being answered. In December 2011, Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree officially acknowledging another miracle attributed to her intervention. In February 2012, Pope Benedict XVI announced that Blessed Kateri will be canonized on October 21, 2012. Thirty-seven pilgrims from Nova Scotia, representing local communities, parishes and the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, will attend the canonization.

The official unveiling and dedication of a Saint Kateri Healing Shrine in Indian Brook, will be held on October 28, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Catherine's Sapewit Katlin Wutanm. The special mass will include the dedication of St. Kateri with singing and prayers, followed by a procession of the St. Kateri Healing Shrine.

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