

Kateri Tekakwitha Fete To Be Held at Cenacle

A major celebration of Kateri Tekakwitha for which Mohawks of St. Lucy's Church in Syracuse will sing, is slated to begin 3:45 p.m., Saturday, April 7 at the Cenacle Renewal Center, 693 East Ave.

The event will include recitation of the rosary and Mass at 4 p.m.

At the Mass, area Native

Americans will assist and the Syracuse Mohawks will sing, in their native tongue. The "Our Father" will be prayed in sign language.

In addition, Jo Anne Hartman, a celebrated liturgical singer and also a promoter of Kateri's cause, will sing.

The public is invited to the celebration, organized by

Mrs. Anne Scheuerman, diocesan promoter of the cause of the "Lily of the Mohawks."

Mrs. Scheuerman noted that extra parking for the event is available in the Cenacle parking lot behind the building off Oxford Street.

Kateri was beatified June 22, 1980, by Pope John Paul II. She was born in 1656 near Auriesville and orphaned when she was a child.

Baptized in 1676, she was persecuted by her relatives and she fled to LaPrairie, Canada the following year, where she received First Communion and made a vow of virginity.

She died April 17, 1680.

Her cause for canonization has been pursued since a recommendation by the Congregation of Rites in 1939. She was declared "venerable" in 1942 by Pope Pius XII.

Nazareth Schedules Lecture

Howard F. Taylor, professor of sociology and director of the Afro-American Studies Program at Princeton University, will lecture on "The IQ Controversy" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, in the Forum of the Otto A. Shults Community Center at Nazareth College.

An internationally-known authority on the subject, Dr. Taylor will discuss the status of the controversy, fallacies connected with the issue, test biases, and race differences.

The event is sponsored by the Nazareth College Lecture Committee and is open to the public without charge.

Women Plan Fundraiser

The Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs will have its annual fundraising dessert card party at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 12, at the Brighton Presbyterian Church, 1775 East Ave.

The fundraiser helps support and maintain the Susan B. Anthony House on 17 Madison St.

Desserts, coffee and tea will be served and tickets are \$1.50 at the door.

Hostess clubs are the Penfield Women's Republican Club, the Auxiliary of the Chiropractic Association and the Army and Navy Auxiliary. Chairman is Betty Stoltman.

UR Workshop On Families Planned April 5

"Therapeutic Interventions Bridging Families, Cultures and Communities," will be the focus of a workshop to be conducted by Dr. Edgar H. Auerswald, a pioneer in family therapy and director of the Tri-Isle Community Health Center on Maui, Hawaii, from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, April 5, at the U- of R. Medical Center.

The workshop is sponsored by the Division of Family Programs of the Department of Psychiatry and will take place in Helen Wood Hall on Crittenden Boulevard. The program is open to interested professionals and a fee will be charged. Further information is available by telephoning (716)275-3127.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Some Interesting Questions

On March 25, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights, had an afternoon of spiritual renewal and presented some interesting questions.

Why don't priests talk about present problems in their sermons?

I wonder what people mean by such a question. Do they mean crime? Poverty? Marriage difficulties? Dope? Teenagers? Drunkenness? Shoplifting? International conflicts? Anti-pope and anti-Rome tendencies? Bad temper? what?

It would seem that anything that pertains to poor fallen human nature is a "present problem" for all of us. I wonder if the questioner belongs to a parish where they never talk about sin, but only love. A man said to me, "Isn't there any such thing as sin any more? We haven't had a sermon on sin in years. It's all about love."

While it's good to emphasize the positive, it seems to me to be a bit of spiritual Christian Science to ignore the fact of the seven capital sins: pride, covetousness, lust, anger, envy, gluttony, sloth. I think priests often are talking about these things, but many people are not listening.

Why do you always go to Ireland in May?

We are going again May 12-26, and will include the shrine at Knock, Donegal, Connemara, Mayo, as well as a regular circle of Ireland. In Dublin we will visit the shrine of Matt Talbot at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the inner city; and University Church off Stephen's Green built by Cardinal Newman. Both of these very different men are proposed for canonization.

And on a lighter side we will go to Jury's Cabaret for the Hal Roach show which is about the funniest in the world. May is a time when the 40 shades of green fields are dotted with little lambs and sheep; and the yellow gorse is flowering all over the countryside. It's a beautiful time.

Pope Gregory, at the Council of Lyons, said: "At pronouncing that Name (of Jesus) everyone should bow his head."

Why have you priests stopped this practice?

For the questioner's consolation, here is one priest who never did stop! When I was a youngster in the elementary school, Holy Family in Auburn, the Sisters of Mercy taught us to bow our heads at the name of Jesus. This comes, I suppose from St. Paul's words: "God gave me the Name that is greater than any other name, so that, in honor of the name of Jesus, all will fall on their knees and all will openly proclaim that Jesus is the Lord." (Phil. 2:9).

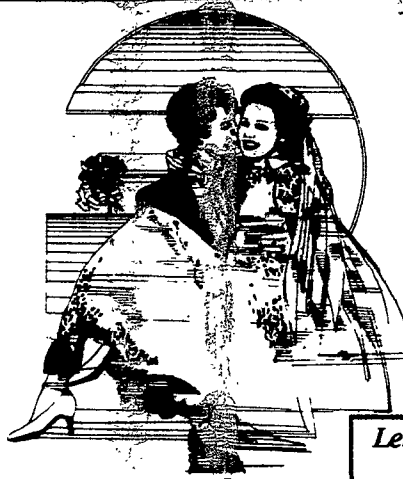
It is a pious act of reverence which I regret is no longer taught in our Catholic schools or CCD classes. When we were at old St. Bernard's Seminary, the custom was still practiced. What was impressive was this: 200 seminarians, seated in black cassock, white surplice and wearing the biretta at Mass and Vespers -- when the name of Jesus was pronounced in the prayers, 200 right hands simultaneously raised and removed the biretta in reverence for that Holy Name.

So many pious customs have been discontinued which I think had a psychological as well as a sacramental value. For example, at the Confiteor, when we come to the part, "I have sinned...through my own fault in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do," the rubric direction is clearly printed: "Strike the breast."

Yet, hardly a person in the congregation does strike the breast. Why not is a mystery to me, but it is general in all parishes. This gesture of humility and repentance is spiritually valuable.

It is impressive to see a crowd of Muslims on their knees, facing Mecca, and bowing their heads to the ground. We have lost devotionally through dropping little pious practices. Love between husband and wife is kept alive through little external acts: a gentle kiss, an embrace, a tap on the shoulder, a smile.

We are creatures of sense, and our souls respond to sensate actions. I would suggest that if our schools of religion do not train in these pious practices, parents, grandparents and godparents should make up for the deficiency by training the youngsters themselves.



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