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[Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a Model of the First Evangelization and of the New Evangelization, by Father Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., CEO of Salt + Light Television](#)

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## Events and pilgrimages

- **Rome**

For those travelling to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, please find below information on the celebrations surrounding the canonization:

1) **The Prayer Vigil** will take place on Saturday, 20 October 2012, at 8:00 pm at the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. The Vigil will feature a video prepared by Salt and Light TV on the life of Blessed Kateri. The Vigil will be approximately 2 hours in length.

2) **The Canonization Mass** will take place in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday, 21 October 2012, at 9:30 am.

All Canadians travelling to Rome and who wish to be together in Saint Peter's Square for the Mass for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, especially those who will be wearing ceremonial dress that is traditional to your respective Indigenous communities, are invited to meet at the **Piazza Risorgimento** (a five-minute walk from Saint Peter's Square) **as early as 7:00 am on Sunday, 21 October**

2012. Once everyone has gathered, you will be invited to walk as a group toward Saint Peter's Square, in order to go through security together and then to sit together until the Canonization at 9:30 am. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Tracy Blain ( [blain@cccb.ca](mailto:blain@cccb.ca) ).

For those who requested tickets through the CCCB Secretariat for the Canonization Mass, these will be made available at the Pontifical Canadian College several days prior to the celebration.

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3) **The Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place on Monday, 22 October 2012, at 10:00 am at the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. This celebration will last about one and a half hours.

**Those wishing to do so are encouraged to bring their traditional native dress for all three of these events in Rome.**

If you plan to participate in one or more of these celebrations in Rome, please contact Mrs. Tracy Blain at the Kateri Secretariat of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, [blain@ccb.ca](mailto:blain@ccb.ca)

- **Canada**

### **Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha – Kahnawake, QC**

-Saturday **20 October 2012 from 7:00pm-10:00pm** - Prayer Vigil – Father Cyr, Father Mark, Father Alvaro.

-Sunday **21 October 2012** at 9:00am - Re-broadcast of the Canonization Mass in Rome; at 10:30 am, Eucharistic Celebration; at 5:00pm, Eucharistic Benediction and Adoration immediately following Mass.

The above ceremonies at the Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha will be principally in English, with parts in French as well as in Mohawk.

If you plan to participate in either of the celebrations at the Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha in Kahnawake, QC, please e-mail Gary, [kateritekakwithasanctuary@yahoo.ca](mailto:kateritekakwithasanctuary@yahoo.ca) .

### **Martyrs' Shrine - Midland, ON**

- Sunday, **21 October 2012 at 11:00 am** - Procession with the relics and statue of Blessed Kateri; at noon, Mass and blessing with the relics followed by refreshments. (

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### [Archdiocese of Quebec City](#)

- Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Church, Wendake, QC

Monday, **15 October 2012 at 7:30 pm** - Kateri Tekakwitha Evening (free)

Conference with author Jacques Gauthier, Kateri specialist

Rite of Sending and Blessing by the Most Rev. Denis Grondin, Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec City, for the delegation travelling to Rome for the Canonization.

-Saint-Benoît-Abbé Church, Quebec City, QC

Saturday, **20 October 2012 at 7:00 pm** - Intergenerational Celebration with the Most Rev.

Gaétan Proulx, Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec City, and the Ad Vitam Choir. Children will be invited to create an Aboriginal head piece with a feather.

-Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Church, Wendake, QC

Sunday, **21 October 2012 at 10:00 am** - Solemn celebration of the Mass.

-Notre-Dame-de-Quebec Cathedral, Quebec City, QC

Sunday, **21 October 2012 at 11:00 am** - Celebration of the Eucharist presided by Bishop Proulx.

### [Diocese of Thunder Bay](#)

The Kitchitwa Kateri Parish in Thunder Bay, Ontario, will celebrate the Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha on **October 21, 2012**. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a Pipe Ceremony in the Elders Room; with Mass at 12:30 p.m., followed by an introduction to the faith life of Blessed

Kateri, and a closing blessing with her relic. For more information, phone 807-622-8301.

### [Archdiocese of Ottawa](#)

A Mass in honor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will be celebrated at 12:00 pm (noon) at Notre-Dame Cathedral-Basilica, 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, on Sunday, **21 October 2012**. The Most Reverend Marcel Gervais, Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa, will preside at the celebration. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### [Diocese of Saskatoon](#)

Celebration on **October 21, 2012**, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon:

- 10:30 a.m. - Free breakfast with entertainment at St. Mary's Wellness and Education Centre, 327 Avenue N. South, Saskatoon (with bus transport available between the school and the Cathedral)
- 2:00 p.m. - Mass with Bishop Donald Bolen at the Cathedral of the Holy Family (123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon)
- 3:30 p.m. - Entertainment and social at the new Cathedral

All are welcome to this exciting celebration of the Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and her life of holiness! For more information about this diocesan celebration, please contact Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Saskatoon (306) 653-4945. A [poster](#) is available online.

### [Archdiocese of Vancouver](#)

-Sunday, **28 October 2012 at 2:30 pm** - The Archdiocese of Vancouver is preparing to mark the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha with a celebration at Holy Rosary Cathedral. The celebration will begin with a procession of First Nations members, followed by Mass at 2:30 pm presided by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, C.S.B. A painting of Blessed Kateri and a relic of her

will be on display during Mass. Following the Mass there will be veneration of Saint Kateri which will include First Nations singers and drummers. The Catholic Women's League will provide refreshments in Holy Rosary Hall following the celebrations.

### [Diocese of Sault-Ste-Marie](#)

A special Mass with First Nations communities was held at Ste-Anne-des-Pins parish in Sudbury, in the Diocese of Sault-Ste-Marie, on Sunday, **October 28**, presided by its Bishop the Most Reverend Jean-Louis Plouffe. The celebration was televised by Radio-Canada, the French-language chain of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, as part of its weekly TV series, [Le jour du Seigneur](#). The diocese also plans other events to celebrate the Canonization.

### [Diocese of Valleyfield](#)

Sunday, **9 December 2012 at 10:30 am** - Celebration in honour of the Canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha presided by the Most Reverend Noël Simard at the Cathedral of Sainte-Cecilia in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, QC.

### [Saint Joseph Oratory](#) - Montreal, QC

- Sunday, **4 November 2012 at 2:30 pm** - Mass of Thanksgiving.

The national Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was presided by the Most Reverend Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil and Co-Treasurer of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The text of his bilingual homily is available on the CCCB website. The celebration of the national Mass can still be viewed as part of the video library of Salt + Light TV, which carried the video signal from the CBC French-language network RDI. Saint Kateri died and is buried at Kahnawake, which is in the [Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil](#).

[Text of the homily](#) (PDF Version)

[Link to the archive video of the Mass](#)

## **Links**

- [Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council](#)
- [Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil](#)
- [St. Francis Xavier Mission in Kahnawake](#)
- [National Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine \(Fonda, New York\)](#)
- [Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs \(Auriesville, New York\)](#)