



# National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

## Prayer Letter

March 2019

Dear Friend of Saint Kateri,

“Be prepared for the Month of March.”

The 31 days of March allow us who are tired of the winter weather to prepare for the seasonal change of spring. We eagerly look forward to longer days of sunlight, hopefully warmer temperatures, and a change of attitude in ourselves. Knowing that all the above takes place slowly, in God's time, these changes remind us to be prepared for what God has prepared for each of us.

Ash Wednesday invites us to truly see who we are in the eyes of God. We are reminded that we are essentially dust and that while on this earth, we have a beginning and an end. For God has a much better plan for us than mere dust. Hidden in this body of ours is a soul which is actively awaiting our personal seasonal change to accepting God as our Father. Our souls are not passive within us but very much active as they continue to remind us to prepare and direct our lives towards God's influence. His influence is the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. That message is to “Not Be Afraid” to recognize God as the most important influence in our lives here on earth.

Easter will quickly approach next month. Let us use this time of Lent to listen to our souls, to awaken from the slumber of winter and prepare for a new understanding of our lives here on earth, to prepare for what God has planned for us, His most special Children. Allow God to influence us with His Grace as He did the Apostles, the Saints, especially Saint Kateri, to Not Be Afraid.

Fr. Tim Lyons, OFM Conv., Chaplain

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*Dear Friars, please include the following intentions in your daily prayers:*

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

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