

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine and Historic Site

Prayer Letter



March 2021

My dear Friends of Saint Kateri,

The month of March is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter.

The season of spring is one that transforms us. How unique that the entire month of March in 2021 for Christians is a month dedicated to the season of Lent. March will be a month of complete transformation, a “spring cleaning” of both body and soul. We welcome March as thirty-one days of healing.

Each of us in our own way decides when, where, and how we will begin this spring cleaning. What “room” will I begin with? What personal habit do I have in my mind or in my heart that keeps me from being another Christ, another healer, for myself in my relationship with God Our Father and for others?

Transformations can be difficult or painful. Lent reminds us of this reality of life. There are ups and downs. There are challenges and disappointments. The Stations of the Cross becomes an active prayer of our own personal reality. We accuse ourselves and promise God to do penance during Lent very much like the first station. We continue our Lenten journey as we accept our cross, accept the work of our penance choice. We may fall, but when we do, we need to look to the example of Jesus Christ, who inspires us to rise and start again. God may inspire us to accept help from someone else, who becomes a Simon of Cyrene for us. These Lenten practices help us to truly see who we are. It is then that the dignity that God sees daily in us begins to become grounded in our own words and actions.

As our Lenten journey continues this month, leading us to the joy of Easter, let us not allow others’ negative opinions or actions distract us from our true goal for being created. Remember that any daily Good Fridays lead us to daily Easters.

Join me in prayer during this season for your intentions. List them, as well as someone you feel may be called to a vocation to the priesthood, sisterhood, brotherhood, or permanent diaconate.

Allow Saint Kateri to lead us to God Our Father's will. Do not be afraid to be transformed.



-Fr. Tim Lyons, OFM Conv., Chaplain and Director



Ask Saint Kateri to inspire someone to seek a career as a priest, brother, sister, or permanent deacon:

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please return prayer intentions and donations to:

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