

# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine and Historic Site

## Prayer Letter



April 2021

My dear Friends of Saint Kateri,

The month of April is looked forward to as an awakening. Newness is anticipated. Everything from Nature to Spirituality points towards an awakening from the soil and an awakening from the soul. We anticipate longer days of sunshine and warmer temperatures. Most importantly, as Christians we anticipate a newness of purpose by celebrating God's sacrifice of self on the cross leading to new life rising from the cold and dark of the tomb of winter. With all of this positive activity happening, what should be my response?

As always, we as humans love a challenge, especially if it involves our own personal planning. Since we will own the results of our efforts, we make every attempt to produce fruitful and rewarding outcomes. April allows us to be godlike and plan for greatness to grow from our efforts. With all this positive activity happening, what should be my response?

April allows us to realize what was hidden. The plants begin to sprout. The trees begin to bloom. Easter allows us to realize what was hidden within our very selves. God restores my dignity. God allows me to realize that there is a beauty within myself that comes only from Him. What should be my response?

I respond by allowing the awakening creative grace of Our Father's presence direct my growth. With this personal growth, I allow God to show others how I can sprout and grow. God becomes my gardener who cares for me, who desires me to be fruitful, who continues to sacrifice for me to be what He desires me to be.

Let us continue to ask Saint Kateri to lead us humbly to God's Will. Saint Kateri will work to answer my prayers and intentions for vocations and for my concerns.

"Heavenly Father, during this month of April, direct my words and actions toward your will. Let me realize daily that I am moving away from cold and dark temptations to see You in myself and especially in others. Help me to not be afraid to truly see You in my life. Help me to seek healing, seek nourishment, and seek forgiveness from You and from others. Allow me to think and pray for the needs and hidden potential of others."

-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:

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