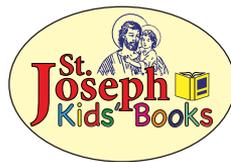


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Tekakwitha**

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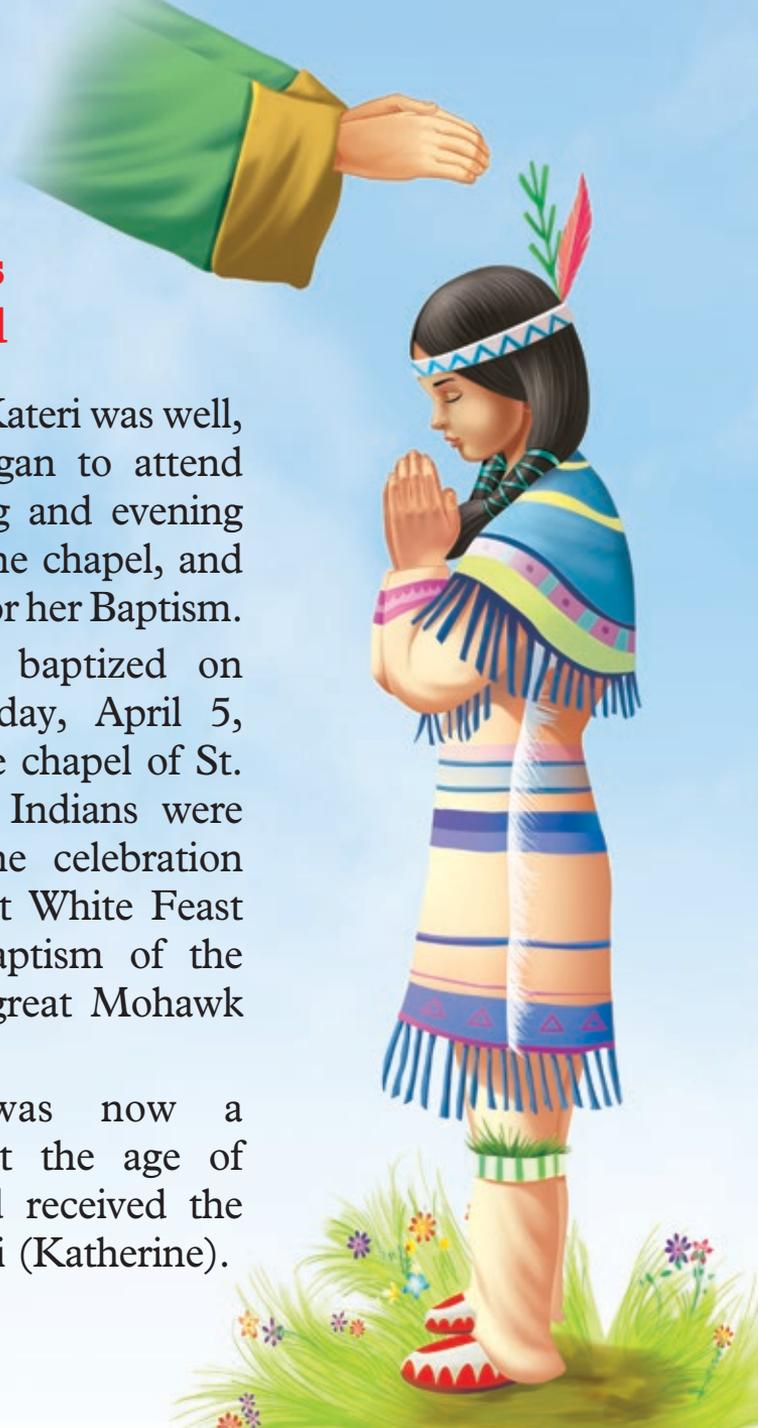


Kateri Is Baptized

AFTER Kateri was well, she began to attend the morning and evening prayers at the chapel, and to prepare for her Baptism.

She was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1676, in the chapel of St. Peter. The Indians were watching the celebration of the Great White Feast and the Baptism of the niece of a great Mohawk chief.

Kateri was now a Christian at the age of twenty, and received the name Kateri (Katherine).

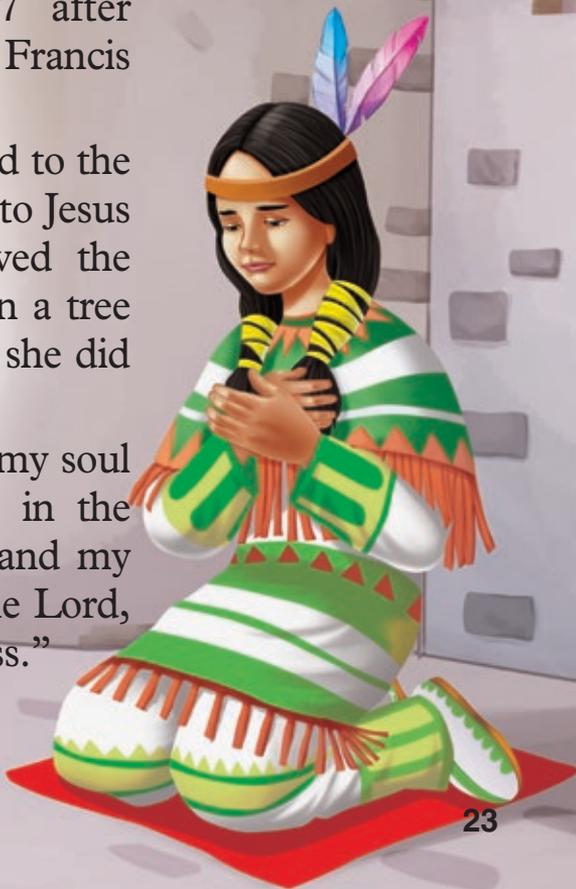


Kateri's Devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and on the Cross

KATERI made her first Holy Communion on Christmas in 1677 after she reached the St. Francis Xavier Mission.

Kateri was devoted to the Holy Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She carved the Sign of the Cross on a tree in the woods where she did her praying.

She said: "I offer my soul to Christ the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and my body to Christ in the Lord, hanging on the Cross."



Kateri's Works of Kindness

THE people in the village liked Kateri because she was kind and cheerful in her quiet way.

Kateri walked her simple way among the people, helping with the sick, caring for the little children, and doing other works of kindness.

