



SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA WILL BE CANONIZED ON SUNDAY by Pope Benedict XVI at a ceremony that takes place at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The event is an historic moment in life of Canada's First Nation peoples and it is a blessing for the entire country. A young woman when she was baptized, she took the name of Catherine in honour of Catherine of Siena. We are hoping to provide a prayer card for every parishioner with a picture of the new saint, painted by Father Claude Chauchetiere shortly after her death in 1680. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

DR. KATHERINE BERGMAN, PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR of St. Jerome's University, will be formally installed at a ceremony at the University on Sunday afternoon. Chancellor James Beingessner will install her. Dr. Bergman noted that it is not an insignificant coincidence that her installation takes place on the same day as the canonization of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and on Mission Sunday! We wish Dr. Bergman God's rich blessings as she begins her service at such an important Catholic institution in our Diocese!

MONSIGNOR JOSEPH SACH OFFERS THANKS TO THE MANY PEOPLE who have prayed for him during his recent illness. He returned to his home at St. Elizabeth's Villa this week, where he is receiving the necessary care – and more. The oldest priest in the Diocese of Hamilton, he prays daily for us all!

THE INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM (IOP) of St. Joseph's Health System is sponsoring the *Side-by-Side Uganda Conference* these days in Hamilton. 31 Ugandan clinicians, academics and hospital administrators have arrived in Hamilton to hear about and experience some of the "best practices" of doctors in our Health System. On Saturday, the delegation will travel to Ottawa for the Canadian International Conference on Global Health. Congratulations to IOP for participating in such a valuable partnership!

FATHER BERNARD HAYES, C.R., AND BROTHER RICHARD MacPHEE, B.G.S., are both recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Both worthy recipients have made major contributions for the good of others in their respective communities. Well done, indeed!

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH IN WATERLOO CELEBRATES 50 YEARS of God's blessing this weekend. I will be present for Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Because of its close location to Wilfrid Laurier University every Sunday St. Michael's Parish invites Catholic students from around the world to celebrate with local parishioners. May the next 50 be equally blessed!

THE SISTERS AT THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH celebrate the 60th Anniversary of their foundation at St. Agatha next Monday evening. I will celebrate a special Mass in their chapel at 6 p.m. marking the Anniversary, praying in thanksgiving for the gift they are to our Diocese! Pray with us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE who will gather next week in Burlington for the Annual Priests' Seminar. It is one of the important learning opportunities for our Priests and a time for fraternal support and encouragement. Father Ian Duffy is the Chair of the committee which has carefully prepared the session. On Wednesday evening, we will express thanks to Priests who celebrate special Anniversaries of Ordination this year. It is always a blessed occasion!

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!