

“All this I do for the sake of the gospel”

-1 Cor. 9:23



World Day for Consecrated Life

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Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha was born to a Christian Algonquin woman and a non-Christian Mohawk chief in modern-day New York State in the late 1600s. Her parents and brother died of small pox when she was four years old, and so she was raised by her aunts and uncles. She learned of Christianity from Jesuit missionaries, and she converted and was baptized at about age 20. Because of her faith, she was shunned and abused by her family and tribe. Bl. Kateri is known for her life of virtue, mortification, and spirituality. She took a vow of virginity and is known as the Lily of the Mohawks; she is the first Native American woman to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. Tekakwitha is scheduled to be canonized by Pope Benedict XVI as early as October 2012. Her feast day is July 14. Let us remember to pray for all consecrated men and women at this time.

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