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Teton Sioux*

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BLESSED

KATERI
TEKAKWITHA,

PRAY
FOR US!

PREMIER ISSUE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our premier issue of DREAM CATCHERS! I hope you are excited as we are to visit with you again, or for the first time. Periodically this year, *Dream Catcher* will share with you a few highlights of the ministry of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and the Alaskan Missions.

We also want to get to know you and your dreams. Please be sure to visit our new BLOG <http://blackandindianmission.blogspot.com> going up this month or email us your ideas and activities.

A late 19th century Teton Sioux,

Lone Man, reminds us, "... I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself."



Father Wayne Paysse in 2010, with the Staff: Sister Patricia Mulkey, Georgina Roy and Father Richard Hynes from Anawim Center, Archdiocese

Please do share your dreams and hopes for your local Native American/Alaskan communities with us. Or would you like to learn more about our Native American/Alaskan communities?

By virtue of your baptism into Christ Jesus you are a collaborator and important to the ministry of the Catholic Native American/Alaskan Missions. Thank you. Again, welcome!

New Year Blessings,

Reverend Wayne Paysse
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Warm Memories Lessen Winter's Chill

The Tekakwitha Conference in Albuquerque, NM this past summer (July 28-August 1) holds many warm memories. Prayer experiences, dances, key note addresses and workshops, filled our hearts and motivated us in the spirit of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to be about the mission of Jesus through our witness and proclamation back at home...even these cold winter days.



St. Jude Indian School

Kathryn Piguet, Principal, with students.
 "This is my family."



If the Soboba Indian Reservation is at the beginning of evangelization, as Sister Marianna Torrano, RSCJ, has said, then the chief evangelist at St. Jude School is Kathy Piguet, Principal. For Mrs. Piguet it is simple: St. Jude is a Catholic school. She wants to share the good news of Jesus'

love and life with her students.

There is also a strong emphasis on the culture and traditions of the Native people, most of whom are members of the Soboba Band of the Luiseño Indians. It is a matter of "sustainability" to Mrs. Piguet. *(The photo and first paragraphs are adapted from HEART, Spring 2008, a publication of the Society of the Sacred Heart.)*

The Bureau of Catholic In-

dian Missions seeks to support schools like St. Jude with roots in Catholicism and with deep respect for Native culture.

Consider becoming a "friend" of Catholic Indian schools today. Through prayer and financial endorsement "You are witnesses...to the ends of the earth..." (Acts 1:8) Please contact us by phone or e-mail for more information.

Be an Apostle of Good News. Forward this e-newsletter to others. Thank you!

Bear Witness to hope. Nourish your witness with prayer. Account for the hope that characterizes your lives by living the truth which you propose to your students. Help them to know and love the One you have encountered.

*Pope Benedict XVI
 Address to Educators
 April, 2008—USA*

PICTURE THIS



Bishop Robert J. Baker, Diocese of Birmingham, and Kateri Circle members view a potential site for a Native American Cultural Center.

In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Sylvia Salazar and Rudy Reyes display a beautiful stole made by Native Americans.



Father Dave Korth, St. Augustine Indian Mission, Omaha, NE, with youth visiting the Mission House in Washington, DC.



Sister Kateri Mitchell, SSA, is the Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference.



Precious Heritage/Rich Resource

(Dear) Friends,

As the Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference, a national office for Evangelization among Native American Catholics, I invite you to visit our website at www.tekconf.org. It can serve as a rich resource to learn more about us. We have a precious heritage as First Peoples of this country.

We would love to share it with you.

Nia wen,
 Sister Kateri Mitchell, SSA
 Mohawk Nation
 Turtle Clan

