

TRIVIA QUESTIONS for *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*

1. In the winter evenings when Kateri Tekakwitha was a child, what did the elders of her community do that she enjoyed?

2. Who first told Kateri Tekakwitha stories of Jesus?

3. How old was Kateri Tekakwitha when her mother told her these stories?

4. After her parents and baby brother died, who took care of Kateri Tekakwitha while she was still a child?

5. How was she treated?

6. Kateri Tekakwitha had difficulty seeing, and she was not very strong. Why?

7. What in particular hurt her eyes?

8. She became skilled at decorating clothing by:

9. Name three or more things Kateri Tekakwitha did as a child.

10. Who were the Black Robes?

11. Why were they called Black Robes?

12. Why were the people in Kateri Tekakwitha's village wary of the Black Robes?

13. Eventually, Kateri Tekakwitha's uncle welcomed the Black Robes. Why?

14. Kateri Tekakwitha loved saying the rosary and did so in the Mohawk way. What was this?

15. On what feast day did Kateri Tekakwitha get baptized?

16. Why did some of the others in her village treat her badly after she was baptized?

17. How many miles did Kateri Tekakwitha travel from her childhood home to her new home?

18. How did she travel those miles?

19. What do the words, "Jesos Konoronkwa" mean in English?

20. There are several miracles that happened after Kateri Tekakwitha died. Can you name some?

21. When is the feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha celebrated in Canada?

22. When is her feast celebrated in the United States?

ANSWERS:

1. They told stories.

2. Her mother.

3. Less than four years old.

4. At first, her mother's friend, Anastasia took care of her. Later, she lived with her uncle and aunts.

5. All were kind to her.

6. She had survived an illness called smallpox, but it affected her sight as well as her strength for the rest of her life.

7. Sunlight.

8. Sewing on beads in patterns.

9. She gathered firewood, helped cook, planted food, picked berries and collected nuts, listened to stories, enjoyed the woods and prayed often.

10. Priest from France called "Jesuits."

11. Because that is what they wore.

12. Because the priests were from Europe and others from Europe had caused serious sickness and other problems for the Mohawks some years earlier.

13. Because Mohawks are a welcoming people.

14. As she fingered the beads, she sang the prayers.

15. Easter Sunday.

16. They were afraid she would leave behind the ways of her people.

17. About 200.

18. She walked and canoed.

19. "Jesus, I love You."

20. The scars from the smallpox disappeared from her face right after she died; she appeared to a priest warning him of a fire that would come; things that she owned, like her blanket, seemed to heal sick people when they touched it.

21. It is celebrated on April 17 in Canada.

22. It is celebrated on July 14 in the United States.

