

Kids' Connection!

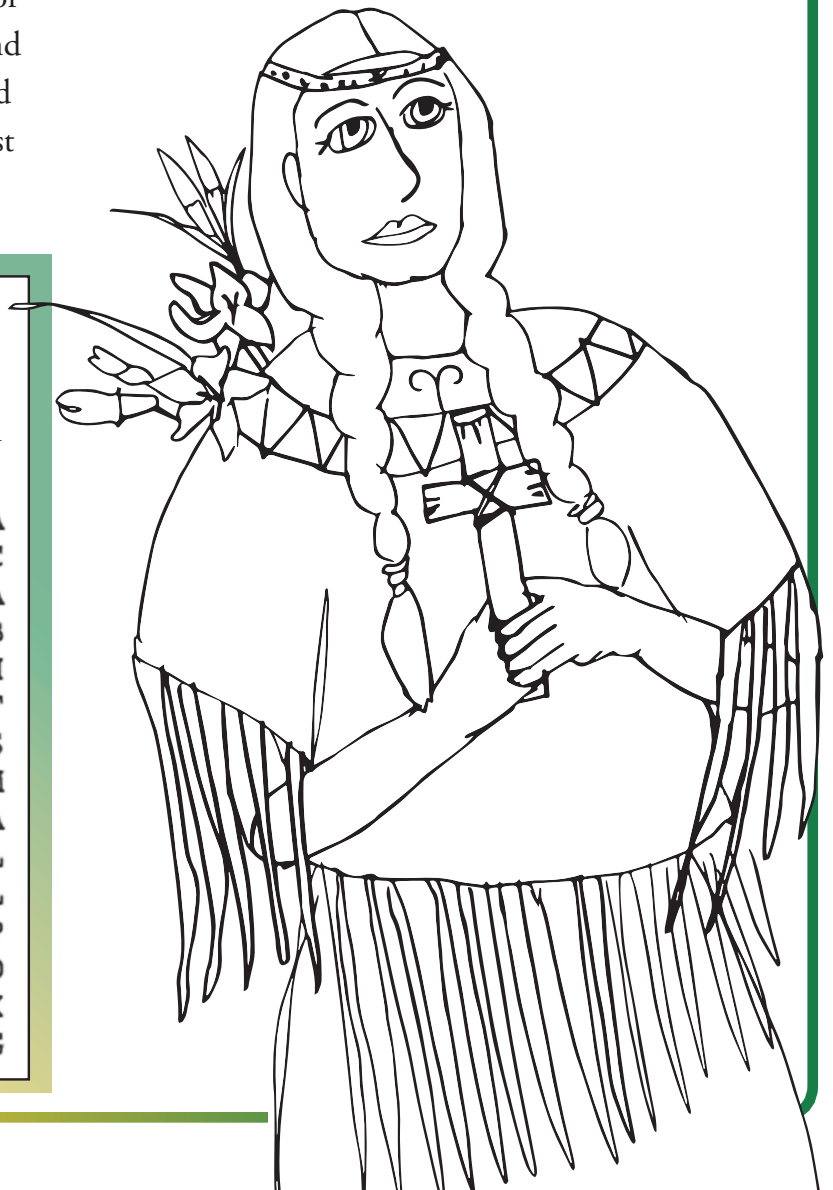
This Month We Learn About saint Kateri tekakwitha

Who Was She?

Kateri was born to Mohawk and Algonquin parents and grew up in a Mohawk tribe. When she was 4-years-old, her family contracted smallpox. The disease killed both of her parents and her brother, and left her with facial scars. She was adopted by her aunt and uncle. There were many battles between the French and the Mohawks while she grew up. Jesuit missionaries came to her village and over the years she learned from them and worked beside them to care for wounded warriors. Kateri refused to marry and eventually converted to Christianity. She died young at the age of 23, in the arms of her best friend and spiritual sister, Marie Thérèse.

interesting facts

- St. Kateri **placed thorns under her sleeping mat** and laid on them, a practice of the Mohawks, while praying, offering her suffering.
- Kateri is known as the **“Lily of the Mohawks”** because lilies are both symbolic of purity and the Blessed Mother.
- She is the **patron saint of the environment, loss of parents, exiled people and Native Americans.**



Word Find

ADOPTED	ENVIRONMENT	MOHAWKS
AMERICAN	JESUITS	SMALLPOX
CHASTE	KATERI	TEKAKWITHA
CONVERT	LILY	THORNS

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