

WHAT is a Kateri Circle?



A Kateri Circle is a group of faithful Catholics, non-Catholic Christians, and/or seekers who desire to be in community with one another through a lifestyle of prayer, service, & worship. The spirituality of these communal groups springs from a strong devotion to the intercession and virtuous & holy life of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha – a young Mohawk/Algonquin woman of the mid-seventeenth century.

These circles, though independent, are registered and affiliated with the Tekakwitha Conference – an international Catholic/religious 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the ongoing advocacy & evangelization on behalf of the many communities of Indigenous Catholics across North America.

Kateri Circles promote four areas of focus for enrichment & growth:

- 1) **Spiritual:** Invoke the intercession of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha as a part of your daily prayer; pray communally & privately while striving to live a virtuous & holy life
Suggested Daily Prayers: the Saint Kateri Prayer (by Harold Caldwell), the Kateri Chaplet – commemorating her 24 years of life, and the Holy Rosary
- 2) **Intellectual:** Study the life of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and the lives of other Indigenous saints whose causes for canonization have been opened – such as Antonio Cuipa & Companions, Nicholas Black Elk, etc.; grow in awareness of Native American issues in the rural, urban, and reservation settings; participate in classes & study groups in your Mission/Parish on topics of theology, the sacraments, and Sacred Scripture
- 3) **Communal:** work toward unity; encourage regular, constructive dialogue regarding the Faith, as well as the topics and concerns of the local community; promote activities to support and strengthen the Kateri Circle members, encourage the formation of other Kateri Circles both for youth and adults
- 4) **Charity/Service:** participate in & foster opportunities for outreach for the needs of families, the sick, the elderly, and other special needs of community/parish members.

HOW can we start a Kateri Circle?

Kateri Circles begin when two or three gather out of a desire to form a small community of faith for the purposes of communal prayer, formation, and outreach to the community.

Who can start a Kateri Circle?

Though not an expressed requirement, it is strongly encouraged that the founding members of a Kateri Circle, themselves, be individual members of the Tekakwitha Conference. The formation of a Kateri Circle, in general, is open to any person(s) committed to prayer, growing in faith, serving their community, and to the witness & intercession of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

Who can help?

- 1) The **Tekakwitha Conference National Center** staff is ready to provide additional information and assistance to help you get started.
Call: 1-844-483-3900 or e-mail: tekconf@gmail.com
- 2) **Members of other Kateri Circles**

May Saint Kateri Tekakwitha guide and inspire you in your efforts to dedicate yourselves fully to Jesus Christ and the ministry of His Church. // **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!**