



## Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

The first Native American saint from Turtle Island (North America—the territories of the future United States and Canada)

Venerated as a **patroness of ecology.**

“Who will teach me to do what is pleasing to God, that I may do it”

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Shrine and Ceremonial Site

To Honour

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Johnson's River, PEI

Home of John Joe and Eileen Sark

Covered Altar and Sculpture

# Project outline

Outdoor level platform of paving stones on top of gravel base 16x16 feet

Altar with carving/sculpture of St Kateri

Roof over altar on pillars of Island trees

Clear plexiglass panels for roof

Large cross (12 feet)

Two White birch trees

Perimeter beds of daylily, red and white perennials

Four 12 foot benches

# Themes

The Cross

One large Cross made of Cedar or Ash

Four pair of smaller cross (four directions)

The Turtle (North America)

Mosaic with paving stones depicting  
Turtle

The Lily – St Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks

Perimeter beds of white and red lilies

# The Tree of Life

Two large white birch framing main pathway

## Budget for Materials

3 yards Gravel

300

1 yard sand

100

Paving stones 16x16 (256 sq ft) 1500

Landscape fabric 100

Altar

500

Sculpture of Saint Kateri 2400

Transport from Quebec 400

Rustic Cross

500

Framing for altar cover	2000
Plexiglass for roof (1 / 4 inch)	2000
Mulch for perennial beds	200
Plants and materials	300
2 large birch trees \$250x2	<u>500</u>
	10,800

## Timeline

### Site Preparation

- Remove topsoil and perennials from site, set aside

### Layout and foundation

- set up survey stakes and string
- install and level gravel and sand

Lay paving stones with symbolic  
turtle design

Build octagonal frame to cover altar  
and sculpture

Install plexiglass for transparent  
roof

Replant perennials and plant birch  
trees

Labour Budget=Materials Budget

Total Materials budget

10,800

less Sculpture

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2,800

Materials

8,000

Estimated total labour

8,000

– 50% volunteer

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4,000

Management/technical/Trade

+4,000

Labour cost to project

4,000



Testimonial by Mr. Clifford Paul  
from the Mi'kmaq Community of Membertou. Cape Breton,  
Nova Scotia.

In reference to a healing that took place in Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
on October 1, through the intercession of Saint Kateri  
Tekakwitha

October 3, 2017

Dear Keptin John Joe Sark:

Regarding my granddaughter Olivia and her condition of Erbs Palsy. Her mom is Krystal Johnson. At birth the umbilical cord was tied around her neck in the womb and damaged her arm.

Doctors told her mom that the nerves may or may not grow back in the damaged arm. With lots of physiotherapy, she began to move her arm at 4 months of age and continued to excel after that.

Later complications arose that her doctor's said they would have to do surgery to reposition her arm

You, Olivia and I prayed together during the meal on Treaty Day, October 1, 2016 with the relic of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha for healing for Olivia.

When we saw the doctors the next day, they were amazed at her improved condition and told us that there wasn't any more need for surgery. This was the best-case scenario for anybody with that condition.

Our prayers with the relic of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, was a miracle my friend.

An incredible miracle, especially through the eyes of a child and those close to her. My granddaughter Olivia is forever grateful.

In peace and friendship

Clifford Paul

Membertou

# Sacred Fire Ceremony on existing nearby site with Sweat lodge and Birch Wigwam



# John Joe Sark peeling Ash from his own property



Present site