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Pilgrimage of the relics of the Canadian Martyrs and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

During their pilgrimage to various locations across Canada, the relics of the Saint Canadian Martyrs and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha have been joyfully welcomed and we look forward to do so in our Diocese next January.

On **Sunday, January 18, 2026**, the faithful can venerate them while they are in the Cathedral. **The 9 A.M. Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ, Rector of the National Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs in Midland. He will give a homily on these great figures in the sacred history of our country.

After Mass, the Cathedral will be open from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. so that the faithful can come and pray before these relics.

The Canadian Martyrs (St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. Noel Chabanel, St. Charles Garnier, St. Antoine Daniel, St. René Goupil, and St. Jean de la Lande) came to bring the Gospel to our country and bore witness to their faith at the cost of their lives. They are the secondary patrons of Canada and as such they deserve our admiration and invite us to imitate them in our mission to proclaim Christ through our daily lives.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was one of the first Indigenous people to convert to the Christian Faith; she surely intercedes for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, as suggested by the large icon representing her in the Cathedral.

Let us be inspired to live a more intense Christian life by these great figures of our Catholic Faith.


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