



**GRATEFUL**  
for God's Providence  
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS  
Diocese of Providence

## Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

September 29, 2018

### Receptions Were a Success!

Thank you to the families that came out to one of our two receptions.

If you attended a reception and haven't responded yet, please do so by dropping your pledge card in the offertory basket!

For those of you unable to attend a reception, you'll be hearing more in the coming weeks from the pulpit regarding Saint Kateri Tekakwitha's case of **Grateful for God's Providence**.

Diocesan Case Elements:

- Supporting our Parishes
  - Supporting our Seminarians
  - Supporting our Retired Priests
  - Catholic School Tuition Assistance
  - Catholic Charities and Social Services
- Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

### **NEXT WEEK 10/07**

**BAKING** Elizabeth Viveiros Lill Nieves

Joanne Gemma Joyce Corey

**FAMILY INTENTIONS** Titus, Horne - Fay Wolfe, Ward Bowen

**COLLECTION** \$947.00 Ouch!

### Goals:

Diocese of Providence \$52,497

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha \$34,998

**Total: \$87,495**

*Next weekend our parish will learn how 40% of what we raise here will directly benefit Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.*

*Commitment Weekend is Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Please pray about making a sacrificial commitment to Grateful for God's Providence that weekend.*

# SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

**Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court** has me thinking about elite institutions, power, and privilege as the backdrop to explosive charges brought by Christine Ford who alleges that Kavanaugh, while a student at Georgetown Prep, attempted to do her harm. Kavanaugh denies the charges.

This dramatic moment in Washington has offered a window where some young Catholic men of privilege are formed. We should affirm the best of the culture surrounding places like Georgetown Prep that serve as pipelines to power in the same way we affirm the best of our church institutions. But while we affirm and preserve, there also needs to be a willingness to fearlessly confront the toxic aspects of cultures and institutions that shape our future senators, Supreme Court justices, and bishops.

**John Gehring, director of Faith in Public Life publication, Washington, D.C.**

## **Georgetown Preparatory School Responds, September 26, 2018.**

As the oldest Catholic high school, and the only Jesuit boarding school, in the United States, Georgetown Preparatory School been dedicated to the mission of "forming men of conscience, competence, courage, and compassion; men of faith and men for others" since its founding in 1789.

The image that has been presented on social media and in various news outlets depicts recklessness, illegal conduct, and lack of respect for persons. Worse, many blame these faults on institutional indifference. But the temptations, and the failings, presented in these stories are not unique to Georgetown Prep. The problems and abuses of alcohol and drugs, sexual assault and misconduct, emotional and physical violence toward others are real; educators at every institution face these problems every day. Serious educators have been wrestling with the damage of an out-of-control culture for many decades. Jesuit schools, Georgetown Prep among them, have been working together since the 1970s to address these issues. We are proud of such documents as the *Profile of the Graduate at Graduation* which have guided our efforts on behalf of our students, their families, and our larger community for over 40 years.

But it is demonstrably false that such behavior or culture is tolerated, still less encouraged, at Georgetown Prep. In fact, our curriculum is designed to guide students away from these malignant influences, and to guide them through reflection away from selfishness and towards a life of service for and with others. And we empower our faculty and staff to administer our rules and policies strictly but compassionately.

**Georgetown Preparatory School, Washington D.C.**

