



### Catholic Religious Expression

At least one Catholic religious expression is required in each Saint Kateri Habitat. This may include crosses, shrines, grottos, stations of the cross, Saint Kateri Habitat signs, or statues of Mary or a saint. These religious expressions remind us that God – the Holy Spirit – is present and active in every corner of creation.

### How to Get Started

Visit our website at [www.Kateri.org](http://www.Kateri.org) to learn more about creating a Saint Kateri Habitat. While there, you can take a virtual tour of our habitats with our online story maps.

You can register your habitat and read our extensive Catholic ecology library on our website at [www.Kateri.org](http://www.Kateri.org).

May God bless you. Saint Kateri, pray for us.

## Who We Are

### About Us

The Saint Kateri Conservation Center is a Catholic land trust and online nature center that promotes Catholic faith, integral ecology, and life. We envision a faithful, loving home on Earth for all people and the whole of God’s creation.

We were founded in 2000 and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2012.

### Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the patron saint of Native Americans and First Nations Peoples, integral ecology, and the environment. Born in 1656, Saint Kateri is an eyewitness to the land before much of it would later be damaged or destroyed.

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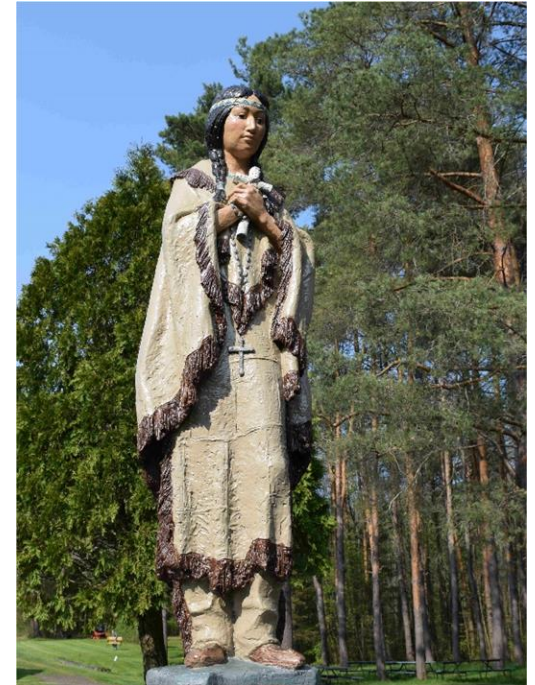
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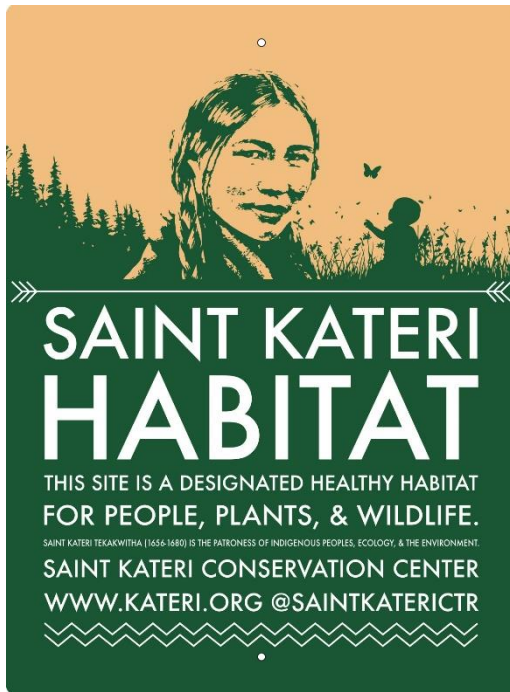
Wading River, NY 11792



*Saint Kateri’s original habitat at her National Shrine in Fonda, NY.*

## SAINT KATERI HABITAT & PARISH POLLINATORS

*Restoring Healthy Habitats  
for People and Wildlife,  
Within the Catholic Faith*



## Saint Kateri Habitat Program

### Background

Ecology has a long history in the Church, going back to the first pages of the Bible, where humankind is called to “cultivate and care for” creation. Saint John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI shared this message often.

In 2015, Pope Francis issued *Laudato Si'*, the first encyclical devoted entirely to ecology and the environment.

### *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis urges us to protect Sister Earth, emphasizing an integral ecology that connects social and environmental concerns.

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*“We are Catholics conserving creation and restoring faith, in the footsteps of Saint Kateri and Saint Francis of Assisi.”*

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### Habitat for People and Wildlife

The Saint Kateri Habitat™ Program engages Catholics and others to restore yards, gardens, farms, forests, rivers, and wetlands as healthy habitats for people and wildlife.

With a focus on God and Catholic faith, the Habitat Program supports sacred spaces for people to directly engage in the care of God’s creation, at home and where we work.

Our Parish Pollinators™ initiative supports parishes in establishing habitats for bees, butterflies, and other life-supporting pollinators (and people!).

Saint Kateri Habitats build faith, provide food, reduce climate change, protect land and water, and restore our relationships with God, people, and nature.



### How it Works

Anyone can transform their yard, garden, or farm into Saint Kateri Habitat. Our habitats provide at least three of the following elements, plus one religious expression:

- Food, water, cover, and space for wildlife.
- Native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.
- Food, water, cover, and space for people, including vegetable gardens and farms.
- Ecosystem services, such as pollination, carbon storage for climate regulation, clean water, and religious faith arising from the “Book of Nature.”
- Clean energy and sustainable practices of gardening, landscaping, and farming.
- Sacred spaces for prayer and contemplation, including Mary gardens.

Virtually any habitat can be treated as a sacred space, giving thanks to our Creator. Register your habitat at [www.Kateri.org](http://www.Kateri.org).