

paying a just tribute to her memory to remove her body to the new church from the cemetery, where a little monument had already been erected to her." Honors were rendered to her so ungrudgingly that the name of Kateri Tekakwitha soon became venerable throughout the entire French colony. Monseigneur de Laval, Bishop of Quebec, visited her tomb, and the Marquis de Denonville, Governor of New France, during a visit to Montreal, crossed over the St. Lawrence river to the little Iroquois village, at the foot of Lachine rapids, to pray near the relics of her whom he styled "the Geneviève of Canada".

Pilgrimages to her tomb became popular and frequent, and many spiritual and temporal favors were imputed to her intercession. It was this wonder-working power, so lavishly exercised, that gave a prestige to her memory and excited veneration for her not merely among her own people, but among the French population as well. Whole parishes made solemn pilgrimages to her tomb on the anniversary of her death, April 17, to acknowledge the benefits of her intercession. Monsieur Remi, parish priest of Lachine, on the north side of the St. Lawrence, publicly urged his flock to recommend themselves to her prayers. The parish priest of Laprairie, Monsieur Geoffroy, asserted that he had been a witness of the marvels which she wrought, and that he was ready to proclaim them everywhere. In 1695 many cures were reported at Montreal and elsewhere. Writing in 1696, six-