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BEATIFICATION CEREMONIES OF  
BISHOP DE MONTMORENCY-LAVAL,  
MOTHER MARIE DE L'INCARNATION  
AND KATÉRI TÉKAKWITHA  
VATICAN, JUNE 22 - 24

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the Minister of National Defence, Gilles Lamontagne, will head the Canadian delegation to the beatification ceremonies of Bishop de Montmorency-Laval, Mother Marie de l'Incarnation and Katéri Tékakwitha, which will be held at the Vatican June 22 - 24. The delegation will also include:

Camille Laurin, Minister of State for Cultural Development of the Province of Quebec

Denis Vaugeois, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Communications of the Province of Quebec

Raynald Guay, M.P.

Douglas Roche, M.P.

André Maltais, M.P.

Jean Pelletier, Mayor of Quebec

Chief Andrew Delisle, Chief of the Caughnawaga Band and President of the Quebec Confederation of Indians

J. Francis Leddy, Gentleman of His Holiness

Matthew R. Dale, Gentleman of His Holiness

Yvon Beaulne, Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See

Raymond Beaugrand, Quebec Delegate to Milan.

Bishop de Montmorency-Laval was the first Canadian bishop with a diocese which covered the whole North American continent.

Mother Marie de l'Incarnation established the Ursuline in Canada, the first religious order for women in this country, and devoted her efforts to the schooling of Indians.

An Iroquois, Katéri Tekakwitha, was a dominant figure in the early history of the Church in New France.