

Fr. Mario Fernandes' St. Kateri Icon Painting, was presented to His Holiness Pope Francis by former Chief Victor Buffalo, Samson Cree Nation, marking the historic occasion of Pope Francis' visit to Maskwacis, Alberta, Canada, for reconciliation and healing for Indigenous Peoples.



Pope Francis Visited  
Maskwacis, Ab. on  
July 25, 2022

The meaning of the painting, (*left*) as described by the artist, Dan S. Siglos:

Yellow represents God the Father, Orange represents God the Son, and Red represents God the Holy Spirit.

Regarding the Clothes, the Seven 'Points' in the design of St. Kateri's green dress symbolizes protection, the perfection of God and the seven days of Creation; Triangles represent the Trinity. There are Triangles on St. Kateri's head band, collar, cuffs, and orange shawl. The Turtle on her necklace symbolizes St.

Kateri's Tribal Clan, the Turtle Clan. St. Kateri's love for the celestial realm is represented by the Moon. The Twelve Lilies represent the Twelve Apostles. The White Lily is the symbol of Purity and Virginity. St. Kateri is known as the 'Lily of the Mohawk.'

The Artist, Dan Santos Siglos, is a Catholic artist from New Westminster, B.C. Originally from Davao City, Philippines, he has lived in B.C. since 1976. In 2017, he started painting and in a short five years has painted hundreds of paintings. The St. Kateri icon painting was commissioned by his sister, Susan Hauck, for Fr. Mario Fernandes, OCD and then gifted to Pope Francis. Some of Dan Siglos' artworks are abstract (see inset painting). His artworks may be viewed on his Facebook page or on Instagram, at Dan S. Siglos.

... I ask for God's forgiveness and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry. And I join with my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon."

Pope Francis. April 1, 2022



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