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### Veneration After Death

It is no wonder then that Indians and French in Canada became convinced that Catherine was a Servant of God specially favored. In these remarkable answers to prayer through her intercession, she was their wonder worker, their protectress, their Genevieve, the protectress of Paris. "Canada has also her Genevieve," remarked the second bishop of Quebec, de la Croix St. Valier, as he rose after praying at the tomb of Catherine, referring no doubt to her protection from the cruel Iroquois in 1688. Nor is it a wonder that Father Cholenec at length felt justified exhuming her remains so as to preserve her bones sacredly in the sacristy of the Mission Chapel. For a time they reposed even under its main altar. They are now under seal. The skull was given as a source of blessings to the Indians of Regis when they were establishing their reservation.

Catherine's tomb, however, had become a holy place in the eyes of the Indians. They had seen miracles worked by the use of the soil taken from it, they had experienced graces as they prayed there, they had gone to it in pious pilgrimage, when their village was moved in 1696 and again to its present site in 1716, and they had seen visitors coming from afar to venerate it. For over sixty years Charlevoix attests all this had lasted, and it had grown into an abiding tradition. From time to time the great cross was renewed with ceremonies notably in 1843, and

after a destructive gale again in 1884. In 1890 Father Clarence A. Walworth, of St. Mary's, Albany, erected a lasting monument on the spot, a great urn of granite surmounted by a high cross, palisaded and covered by a rustic roof. On the stone is inscribed:

Kateri Tekakwitha

April 17, 1680

Onkweonweke Katsitsio Leokitsianekaron

meaning

Fairest flower that ever bloomed among  
true men.

Though, as Cholenec wrote, the wonders worked by this "Little Flower" of the Indians became too numerous to record, there was always one so obvious as to need no record, the fervor of her people after her death, their veneration for her virtues, their belief in her holiness, and their steadfast adherence to the faith down to our day. Their disposition to pay her the tribute of their worship has spread far beyond their home on the St. Lawrence. Wherever Christians read of her saintly life, there is the same impulse to venerate her, and to wish that one day she may be honored on our altars. The Bishops of the United States assembled in the Plenary Council in Baltimore in 1884 expressed this wish to the Holy Father, when recommending the beatification of Father Jogues and his two companions, now saints, who died for the faith where Catherine was born, the

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ripest fruit of their blood, since the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians.

At Auriesville, Catherine's memory is associated with that of the Saints Isaac Jogues, Joseph Lalande and René Goupil. Although she did not die for the Faith as they did, she lived as one of its confessors and she consecrated her life to God as virgin. It is very fortunate that we have a portion of her relic, kindly given by Most Rev. William Forbes, now Archbishop of Ottawa, when pastor at Caughnawaga, on the St. Lawrence, opposite Montreal, the present

home of the Indians with whom Catherine spent her last four years. Many favors are attributed to the use of this relic. Caughnawaga Castle, the Indian village in which Kateri dwelt ten years and in which also she was baptized, had long been a place of interest, the spring there, known as Tekakwitha Spring, being a special attraction. It is on the hill overlooking Fonda, about four miles west of Auriesville and on the north side of the Mohawk River. This site, like Auriesville, will become a place of pilgrimage in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks.

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### FROM WAR CENTRE—TSINING, CHINA

"She has protected us visibly and we prayed very much to ask her protection. Indeed, from the end of July—during three months—we were menaced by continued danger—specially from overhead and while our Mission suffered heavy material losses by looting of four mission-stations—the Episcopal residence and the 'Village of the Rosary' were spared. How glad we'll be to hear some news about her cause in Rome!"

"The mother of one of our Sisters of the Presentation had a bad abscess in the neck, and after having vainly used every available remedy, the whole family, fixing their true hope on the above, began a novena in honor of Catherine Tekakwitha and they applied a medal on the wound . . . and . . . o, wonder! . . . the end of the novena was also the end of the bad abscess."

"You know that on your recommendation I and all our Chinese Sisters of the Presentation of the B. V. Mary, became particularly interested in the Cause of the Holy Indian Maid Tekakwitha; we pray much for her Beatification and Canonization and are very much devoted to her to obtain spiritual favors in imitation of her virtues.

### STILL TSINING, CHINA

"This time I am happy to relate another cure due to her intercession. 'On the 16th November, 1937, our Sister Celina, in charge of the instruction of our postulants and novices, got a serious ear trouble. She could hardly hear; every available remedy was successively applied without the slightest result—but she had then recourse to Catherine and began a novena in her honor. All of a sudden, Sister Celina felt hearing distinctly.'"

### KATERI DOES HELP CHILDREN

A learned historian once remarked to me that Tekakwitha does not help children. Does she not?

"We are grateful to the Little Indian Maiden for the safe delivery of her little namesake and also for gaining health and strength, although she was very tiny at birth, Kateri Tekakwitha."—Delaware, O.

"I was given up for death after giving birth to baby, and then pneumonia set in and the worst kind, but thanks to Lily of the Mohawks I was cured."

—Youngstown, O.



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"I am very glad to tell you how the Relic of Catherine Tekakwitha helped me. I was expecting my baby on Christmas Day, but it came one week before . . . I went to confession to Rev. Father Forbes and he gave me the Relic of Catherine to keep during the time . . . I knew that it was the Relic of Catherine that helped me more because I prayed to her." —British Columbia.

"I teach in one of the poorest districts of our little island and for some time we found it very difficult to supply the children with lunch. In desperation, we turned to my dear friend Tekakwitha . . . Since that novena we have always had enough to feed our poor children." —Jamaica, B. W. I.

### CHANCE, YES; BUT DESIGN ALSO

"Some days ago, I found myself in distress. Some friend had a prayer to 'Little Catherine, Lily of the Mohawks,' sent to her by the Sisters when she was ill, that she let me use. On the third day of my novena, my prayers were answered."

—New Iberia, La.

"I just accidentally got a leaflet and I prayed for money which seemed impossible to obtain as I have been out of work for a long, long time. However, money came to me from sources wholly unexpected and still seems to come." —Philadelphia, Pa.

"I have always felt that if you promise a few dollars to the poor, your prayers are answered faster and I found this leaflet I have in church and thought I would see what Catherine would do for me. She surely wasted no time." —Los Angeles, Cal.

"Our entire family have been trying for the past six years to pay a heavy debt on our home. The interest and principal on this debt mounting continually in spite of all our self-denial and work; until recently we were told that unless a very substantial

payment be made we would be forced to 'give possession.' A friend asked me why I did not make a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha—she gave me the prayer in your booklet. Before I had finished my novena of prayers and Masses, my answer was granted. We received \$1,500 from a source and in a manner we would never have dreamed possible."

—Seattle, Wash.

"Through someone in a law office I heard of Kateri Tekakwitha and I promised to distribute twelve of her leaflets to people who will read them. I am not a Catholic, but feel that she has helped me to sell my house, which I had a hard time to get rid of."

—Baltimore, Md.

"Last week our kind pastor asked the Sister and children of Holy Cross School, as a favor, to offer Holy Communion for the speedy canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. It was indeed gratifying to see all the children turn out for this event Saturday morning, March 19, to honor our Saint-to-be through Jesus in Holy Communion."

—Albany, N. Y.

*White Wampum* is out of print. The publishers will not risk a third reprint unless assured of a sale of one thousand copies—a way with some publishers nowadays, and particularly with its publishers—to put all risks on the author. They need have no misgiving about the sale of this book. Should any of the subscribers for THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS have copies they can spare, we shall gladly purchase some for those who are eager to read it.

Although no suggestion came from headquarters, many of Tekakwitha's devotees remembered that on Easter Sunday, 1676, she was baptized and made novenas in her honor prior to the great Feast this year. This Servant of God favors novenas as did the Blessed Mother and the Apostles.

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## THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF TEKAKWITHA

"I asked that a big Rates account would be fixed and D. G. also I got that."

—Castle Martyr, Ireland.

"A novena in her honor freed us from an impending lawsuit. Thanks to her indeed."

—Komatke, Ariz.

"As thanks for success of an operation, of settlement of an affair, and to ask help for the future."

—Websterville, Vt.

"The very special favor I asked for has been granted, and I shall greatly appreciate your saying a Mass in thanksgiving."

—Oakland, Cal.

"I had never asked a favor of Catherine and the leaflet came to me at a time when we were unable to pay current expenses or payroll. I immediately invoked her. We have been able to meet all our obligations."

—Youngstown, O.

"Sister Consuella, who, as I told you some time ago, had not walked since last September, was able to walk on the fourth day of our novena with the aid of a nurse. She is now able to walk alone."—Youngstown, O.

"Just recently she helped my little boy through a serious sickness and helped my husband get the position he wanted and helped us win a lawsuit that if we had lost would have caused us considerable sacrifice."

—San Francisco, Cal.

"Many thanks to 'Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks,' for recovery from a serious illness of my niece, for which doctor had no hope; and many thanks also for a financial success in my business."—New Orleans, La.

"About a year ago you sent me a little relic, a square with the picture of the Saint—that had touched her relic. This I held as a precious possession, but when the woman asked me to pray for her I told her about Little Kateri and pinned this relic on her gown. The day after she expressed a desire to be baptized and she only lived about a week."

—Lancaster, Pa.

"We have prayed to Catherine for new members and our faith has been rewarded. God be praised! We beg you and all those in your community who are interested in her cause to pray for Catherine for our intentions, especially, that she may send us more postulants. We are in need of help—the old Sisters have gone to their reward, and some have retired from teaching."

—Erie, Pa.

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