



### A Noble and Unprecedented Publication

Whilst the beatification or canonization of a Servant of God is under consideration by the Congregation of Rites, the permission of the Congregation is required to publish any part of the proceedings.

Very graciously such permission has been granted to publish in English the 'Position,' or Report of the Historical Section of the Congregation, on the Documents submitted in the case of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha.

This Report is in itself an extraordinary document. It is, first of all, evidence of the painstaking manner in which this special Section of the Congregation scrutinizes every testimony offered in behalf of the beatification or canonization of anyone renowned for holiness. One marvels at the labor and patience devoted to the study of every document, twenty in all, the effort to obtain the authentic text of each, to tell its history, to estimate its value as evidence, and to establish the character and repute of its author. With reason, therefore, when anyone is declared Blessed or Saint, all can believe there may be no doubt of the certainty of such declaration.

A full description of this remarkable work was given in THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS, August, 1938. Its valuable contents were printed complete. One might call it a Tekakwitha library, or a 'Kateriana collectio.'

The original documents were mostly in French. The masterly summary of all of them is in Latin. The preludes to the documents are in Italian. Now, to repeat, for the first time we are to have them all in English, and it is the first time any such document has appeared in English, or in any other language than that employed by the Congregation.

For this precious work we owe gratitude to the heads of the Historical Section of the Congregation of Rites, first to Don Quentin, who died suddenly after its inception, and next to his successor, Very Reverend Ferdinand Antonelli, O.F.M., and his chief assistant, Very Reverend Joseph Loew, C.S.S.R. Most of all we owe to the late Pius XI the establishment of this Historical Section itself.

Formerly when Servants of God had died so long before there was any thought of their canonization that there could be no eye-witnesses to their virtues or renown for holiness, two processes were required, one diocesan, or Informative, as in courts of first instance in civil cases; and a second, Apostolic, instituted by the Holy See, as higher courts treat a case. Since 1930 for Historical Causes, *i.e.*, for those in which only documentary evidence can be offered, but one Process is needed, which depends mainly on the findings, or 'Position' of the newly created Historical Section of the Congregation of Rites.

This Section is composed of a General and Assistant Relator, two adjutants and sixteen Consultors, all distinguished historians.

Needless to say that the English edition, which is to be published by the Fordham University Press, will be in every way worthy of the important contents of the work. The Director of the Press, Rev. Robert Holland,

S.J., of the University, has spared neither time, labor nor expense to make it so.

It will be, or, rather, actually is, an unprecedented and noble contribution to literature concerning one who is renowned for holiness. A handsome prospectus is available for those who may be interested. Address the Director of the Press.

#### A TEKAKWITHA BIBLIOGRAPHY

A devotee of Tekakwitha, one of whose family was favored by Tekakwitha, has prepared as his qualification for a certificate as librarian, a list of documents, general references, historical sources, books and pamphlets, periodicals and newspapers, concerning Kateri Tekakwitha. It is a remarkable compilation. Extensive as it is, the author does not claim that it is complete, though one finds it difficult to observe any important omission. It is the work of Richard X. Evans, of the Catholic University. The Archivist of Quebec will publish it in *Le Bulletin des Recherches Historiques*, but it will appear also in English. It has titles of one hundred twenty-three writings of importance about Kateri, and eighty-six subtitles of versions of the same in different languages.

#### AGAIN FROM CHINA

"The official organ of the Apostolic Delegation, '*Collectanea Commissionis Synodalis*,' spread over all the Catholic Missions of China, had a very good article (for which I gave the particulars) on Catherine Tekakwitha—small sketch of her life and virtues and mentioned that many favors were obtained through her intercession—and recommended her to the prayers of the Chinese Catholics—two pictures were included for each subscriber."

—Meikweiyngtze, Tsining, China.

#### AND AGAIN

"We pass through hard times; in these regions there are many bad elements taking

advantage of the troublesome circumstances to rob the people. A few days ago we ourselves were the victims of a dastard robbery. Our cart with two mules and all its contents was taken away not far from here and just at the moment we expected it back from a distant Mission station. Among the objects stolen there was a chalice, which I ordered to be made in the orphanage of your Fathers of the Mission of Shanghai. The chalice was intended to be offered to a young priest of the Mission of Tatung on the day of his ordination. When I came to Tatung in 1923, being charged to begin that new Mission, my first endeavor was to select some good boys in order to prepare them for the seminary and the priesthood. One of them just is to complete next July. Because he is the first Chinese priest at the Mission of Tatung, whom during a certain time I taught myself, I found it convenient to offer him a chalice on this happy event. And now unfortunately that very chalice fell in the hands of the robbers. Immediately after hearing the bad news, we had recourse to Tekakwitha, praying her to get back at least the chalice. What happened? Through the mediation of a friend of ours, who is also more or less acquainted with the chief of those people, after a whole day of palaver the cart, with the mules and, above all, the chalice, was brought back to us! We thanked Tekakwitha because it could only be due to her intercession and powerful influence that such unthinkable result was obtained."

## KATERI CLUBS GROW IN NUMBER

"The Tekakwitha Club of Woonsocket is very glad to make this contribution to the Tekakwitha fund in which you are interested."

—Woonsocket, R. I.

"The clubs under Tekakwitha's care are coming along nicely. I believe I have recently written to you that we have a Tekakwitha Girls Club, 50 members; a Tekakwitha Mothers' Club, 30 members, and a Tekakwitha Cradle-Roll, 32 members. On Mothers' Day all three clubs participated in Mass, received Holy Communion—over 100 attended and 97 were served breakfast, which was followed by the Cradle-Roll entertaining the Tekakwitha Mothers. The little members were dressed in Indian suits. A rhythm band by the young members was quite a hit. I will try to send you a picture of the Tekakwitha Cradle-Roll. On June 23 the Tekakwitha Mothers' Club will produce their musical comedy.

"I must tell you of some of the spiritual work done by the club: One of the mothers had been away from the sacraments for more than 20 years, and on Mothers' Day received Holy Communion with the members. One of the officers was a non-Catholic. She was chosen to open and close the meetings with a prayer followed by asking Tekakwitha's blessing. On Mothers' Day she had completed her instruction and she, too, received Holy Communion. Her two children are attending Catholic school."—Mariemont, O.

## AND GROUPS UNDER HER PROTECTION

"I am organizing a social-economic group and have suggested the title 'The Caniengas Christian Constitutional League.' You will note that I have inserted the Iroquois Indian name 'Caniengas—People of the Flint.' The organization is under the patronage of the Lily of the Mohawks. Incidentally, while I was laboring among the Ottawa-Chippewa

Indians in Michigan I was given the name of Bi-wa-nag-Flint officially at an Indian ceremonial feast in which they honored a person by a fitting title who served well the Indian people."—Rev. Fr. A., O.F.M., Chicago, Ill.

"We are again planning our annual Communion and breakfast. At this time we always give a review of Kateri's life and stress the progress that has been made in her Cause and what we may look forward to during the coming year. Please send me a supply of leaflets for distribution."

—Grand Rapids, Mich.

## VERY REMARKABLE

"During the closing months of the last school year, we had a number of cases of streptococcus sore throat, and several even during the summer holidays. When classes reopened in the fall, the streptococcus throat became an epidemic, with as many as eight or ten developing it at one time. Matters reached a climax. The school doctor could give us no hope of checking the further spread of the disease.

In our distress, we began a public novena to Kateri Tekakwitha, promising to publish an account of the favor if she intervened on our behalf. The novena began on October the twenty-fifth. From that date to the present, January the seventeenth, not one child has complained of a sore throat or showed symptoms of it.

"I asked the doctor whether he took credit for this sudden and complete disappearance of streptococcus infection from the school. He answered no. He could suggest remedies that could cure the ill, but not anything that could really prevent its spread in the school. He is willing to make a statement to the effect that he considers the sudden cessation of the disease miraculous."—SISTER MAURA, Mount St. Vincent College, Halifax, Nova Scotia.



### A BROTHER REPORTS SIGNAL CURE OF SISTER

"Psychiatrists diagnosed her case as dementia præcox catatonic, or schizophrenia type, most incurable of all types. Helen was religious and deeply spiritual. Her case seemed hopeless. I chose to rely entirely on Tekakwitha. From the worst ward in the hospital she has been miraculously cured. Her cure astounded the psychiatrists. I promised to publish the story for the benefit of her Cause."

—A. J. O., N. J.

"The money was a pure gift and I know it is a gift from Kateri because I am sure she knows how badly I needed it."

—Pawhuska, Okla.

"Enclosed is \$5.00 for Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of a little girl born May 31. I am naming her Mary, but intend to call her 'Teka.'"

—Detroit, Mich.

"A little girl dying of heart trouble was cured on the feast—that is, got out of bed on that day and has never been ill a day since. The mother had made the novena and was herself cured of ear trouble."

—De Smet, Idaho.

"... began a triduum in her honor; lo! before I finished the third day's prayer, I was called downstairs and handed an envelope from my brother, with a check that will help me, and more than I expected."

—Cincinnati, O.

"My mother has been ailing for several years. The doctors wanted her to undergo an operation. I made a Novena to Catherine promising to express our gratitude in writing, if mother would be spared from the operation. During the Novena my mother improved so much she feels better than she has in the past five years."

—Throop, Pa.

"I heard Mrs. F. was ill so hastened to her home with my very highly prized relic. I asked her daughter to pin it on her bed. She was given up by doctors, and had been in a coma for three days. I left the home, saying, 'Kateri, if it is God's will, I leave her recovery to you.' That was all the prayer I said. She responded immediately and the next day, she was out of the coma."

### OBITUARY

Pray for the souls of clients of Kateri.

Rev. John J. Shaw, Lowell, Mass.  
Rev. John J. Dignan, Hyde Park, Mass.  
V. Rev. John G. Behr, New York City.  
Rev. Bernard Keating, Covington, Ky.  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Steffes, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Sister Dorothea, Bardstown, Ky.  
Sister M. Peter, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Miss Mary Starr, Tulsa, Okla.  
Miss Anne Tautvid, Shelton, Ky.

### PETITIONS

Cures	11	Examinations	2
Positions	8	Sell Property	1
Financial Aid	12	Not Specified	37

### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	9	Relief in Distress	4
Positions	8	Examination Success	2
Financial Aid	5	Not Specified	51

### TO MAKE TEKAKWITHA KNOWN AND LOVED

(Prices include postage)

Sketch by our Apostolic Delegate	5c. a copy	Tekakwitha book-marks	10c. a doz.
Life, by Wynne, 64 pages, 3 illustrations	20c. a copy	Pictures, colored, large	13 x 10 in., 40c.
Leaflets with prayer and remarkable favors		" sepia, small	5 x 3 in., 5c.
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Novena	5c. each; 25c. a doz.	Medals	Oxid. silver, 15c.; aluminum, 10c. a doz.
"Lily of the Mohawks," monthly message about Kateri and her Cause	60 cents a year, \$1.00 for two copies		

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