

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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A GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD

THE V. POSTULATOR FOR THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, AND EDITOR OF "THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS", IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD, ON ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY, THE 24TH OF THIS MONTH. NOTHING HE HAS BEEN PERMITTED AND AIDED BY GOD TO DO HAS BEEN MORE GRATIFYING AND INSPIRING THAN HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF HER COUNTLESS ADMIRERS AND CLIENTS, WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED IN HOLY MASS THAT DAY, AND AS LONG AS HE MAY BE SEPARATED TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY SACRIFICE.

The Only Book of Its Kind

KATHARINE TEKAKWITHA—*The Positio of the Historical Section of the Sacred Congregation of Rites on the Introduction of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Katharine Tekakwitha, The Lily of the Mohawks.*—The Fordham University Press—small quarto, 468 pages, illustrated.

Never before has a book like this appeared in our language; because never before has the Congregation of Rites permitted, except for the use of the Cardinals of the Congregation and its officials, the publication for general use of the findings of its Historical Section in regard to one whom it is considering as possibly worthy to be declared Blessed or Saint.

Pius X established this Historical Section in 1930. His purpose was to expedite the Process, or Cause, as it is termed, for beatifying and canonizing notable Servants of God who departed this life so long ago that eye-witnesses of their goodness and renown for

holiness are no longer available, but only the testimony of historical documents as in the case of the 'genuine redskin,' as the Historical Section styles her, Kateri Tekakwitha.

This Section is composed of specialists in handling documents, priests and laymen such as Delahaye and Peeters of the Bollandists; the famous archæologist, Kirsch; and George Goyau, recently deceased. Its head is Ferdinand Antonelli of the Friars Minor, and his chief assistant, Joseph Loew, Redemptorist.

To this group of historians twenty-one documents concerning Tekakwitha were submitted, of which twenty are contained in this volume. It took six years to verify the

documents as genuine and authentic; to establish the character of those who had written them, or who had acted at any time as their custodians.

Part of their task was to summarize their contents into what may be considered as the final complete source of information about the life, virtues and renown for holiness of one who has attracted the veneration, not only of her own Indian people, but of all who come to know her in this country, Canada, in parts of South America, in Europe and in far-off Africa, India and China. The summary is minutely indexed.

How these documents were ever composed in the rude conditions of Canada two centuries and a half ago, and how they could have been preserved during all the changes occurring in that country during that time is nothing short of marvelous.

Here are the testimonies of eye-witnesses, all men and women of distinction—de Lamberville, Chauchetière, Cholenec, Remy, Charlevoix, de la Potherie; her Life translated by the Protestant Episcopalian, Bishop William Ingraham Kip, of the New York Kip's Bay family.

This book gives an insight into what it takes to have one declared Blessed or Saint.

As the ballad has it: "Fine faces fit in frames as fine," and so the make-up of this volume is 'a thing of beauty.' Here is a description:

Katharine Tekakwitha is set in Linotype Baskerville, 14/16, 11/13, and 10/11. Composition and presswork were by Cornwall Press, Inc., who also bound the regular edition in Bancroft's Arrestox. The deluxe edition was bound by Eaton Paper Corporation, under the supervision of Frederic Jahn. The text paper is Tekakwitha Wove, made under the supervision of the Director of Fordham University Press, by Worthy Paper Company Association. The endpapers are Paulina Endleaf from the same mill. The cover design, the frontispiece (original in oils), the hand-lettered title page, the full-page woodcuts, tailpieces, and the border under running heads, are by LeRoy H. Appleton. This border is from a Mohawk wampum belt, in which the zig-zag line represents the devious and erring way of the savage before the missionary came and showed him the straight path to God through the Cross of Christ. The frontispiece is copper gravure by William T. Manning Company. *Katharine Tekakwitha* is limited to one printing in type, after which the metal is to be melted.

KATERI AND THE YOUNG, VERY YOUNG

The sixth grade of Marywood Seminary, Scranton, Pa., sends \$4.00 to help making Tekakwitha better known.

A class of Infant Jesus College, Gretna, La., sends five dollars for the same purpose, three of the class a dollar each and the others their candy money. "Four times daily they say the prayer to her and have named their classroom after her. In all money matters they have recourse to her and she never fails."

"Her baby girl has been named after The Lily of the Mohawks, 'Catherine,' in thanksgiving for her happy and safe coming on the 30th of June." —Thibodaux, La.

KATERI AND NON-CATHOLICS.

"Up among the Presbyterians on the Spokane Reservation, among the Colvilles, avidly among the Flatheads, I found the liveliest interest in Tekakwitha and the work here. We are making quite a point of Iroquois blood, and I do believe she is more alive to these Northwestern Indians than to most native groups. In all the groups, a real prayer drive is being made for her beatification." —De Smet, Idaho.

"Kindly state 'Financial Help.' Our Indians here are becoming acquainted with Kateri." —Pawhuska, Okla.

FOR THE CAUSE

"Enclosed is a little offering for the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for two favors of securing employment."

—Leominster, Mass.

"I promised that if my prayers were answered I would make a donation for her Cause. My prayers were answered a few days after I finished the novena and so I am enclosing the donation which I promised."

—West Hazleton, Pa.

"Enclosed find five dollars from the 'Tekakwitha League.' There are just three of us who meet regularly on Friday nights; sometimes we do have two or three visitors. We only give ten cents a week. Sometimes our friends ask us to pray for them which we do and most times if the prayers are answered they give a little something and that helps. We always say the whole rosary after reading a page or two of the life of this little Indian."

"We also wish to thank you for the beautiful picture you sent us. It has been a great help."

"If you have a reliquary, will you please send us one?"

"We also sincerely hope our money-order will be larger next time."

"Hoping you will have much success, and that we will be able to help you is the sincere wish of

"THE TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE,
"Washington, D. C."

"Called up one day and asked you to pray for a very special intention—request was granted and sure 'The Lily of the Mohawks always straightens everything out.'"

—Astoria, N. Y.

IN FAR-OFF CLIMES

Kateri promoters in Southern Nigeria, W. Africa, one a member of the Nigeria Regiment—two catechists. Typical of their pe-

titions is "for long life of my mother and father, eternal life, moderate riches and longevity, to convert and make peace among my relatives and to help me to be attentive to my business."

"The first favor is my sister was taken to the hospital to be x-rayed for appendicitis and while the photograph was being taken the doctor also took a photograph of her lungs and said she had tuberculosis. When my mother and I heard this we were very alarmed and prayed to Tekakwitha that she might cure her if there was any such symptoms. All thanks to her, another photograph was taken showing that she is perfectly normal and never had the disease. We have had her examined by the tuberculosis specialist who says there is nothing wrong with her."

"I also invoked her aid for my examinations as I was attempting two diploma examinations. She has brought me through successfully and very, very creditably. She also gave my sister the same favor by making her pass the entrance examination for the medical college in which as many students as possible are not given admission."

"I say the prayer daily to Tekakwitha. May she be canonized soon."

"Last year I acted in a play—the story of her life which a Sister of the Presentation got from the League. I took the part of Shanewis, one of her aunts."

—Madras, South India.

KATERI AND HER OWN

"At last, I am sending you a picture of Bob's statue. I delivered the statue in person to the Flathead Mission Hospital last month, and incidentally organized two Kateri groups over there. We now have six elected leaders in six towns on four reservations with bulletins being issued every month and several projects on foot for co-ordinated Indian action."

"Speaking to a priest of my anxiety about my sister's recovery from lung trouble, he told me to place her under the protection of Catherine Tekakwitha. I did so, praying every day for over two years for that special intention. All looked well and my sister had returned to her employment. After a year or more, very suddenly all the symptoms appeared even in a greater degree. My sister returned to the sanitorium for an examination, expecting the outcome to be another stay as a patient. Many religious and friends joined in our prayers for a miracle. Great was our joy when after taking the x-ray the doctor gave her permission to return to work the next day."

—Hartford, Conn.

SINGULAR FAVORS

"The unexpected return of a member of our family who had previously broken off all connections for no apparent reason. About the same time I suffered a severe heart attack—the medal was placed on me and I recovered in much less time than the doctor predicted."

—Cleveland, O.

"My son-in-law, a Protestant, offered his wife if she wanted to have their two babies baptized he would no longer refuse. Both my daughter and myself can see no reason why he changed his mind if it was not our prayers."

—Wichita Falls, Tex.

"I promised publication if a slander of character would be retracted. On the ninth day of my Novena to Catherine Tekakwitha, I would say miraculously, an event occurred that began the process of having this wrong righted."

—Kaukauna, Wis.

"About two years ago I was in New Orleans shopping for my little sister's Communion wreath and veil and I met a little old Christian lady in a religious store. She gave me some pamphlets and pictures of this little Indian girl, Kateri Tekakwitha. I read it when I got home and right away I began to pray to her to help me in my sickness. She granted me help and I had a beautiful healthy baby, and so far he is still healthy. He is one and a half years old."

—Slidell, La.

TEMPORAL

"I had been praying for a position for some time, but I did not secure one. I became quite discouraged and finally when I least expected it I obtained a position."

—Scarsdale, N. Y.

The father of a family of six had been without work for a year. A novena was begun to Kateri; before its close the man received a permanent position.

—Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	7	Relief in Distress	3
Positions	1	Vocation	1
Financial Aid	8	Sold Property	1
Not Specified	50		

PETITIONS

Cures	23	Examinations	1
Positions	6	Spiritual	1
Financial Aid	7	Not Specified	30

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