

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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How the Congregation of Rites will Examine Tekakwitha's Virtues

So far the war has not delayed the Cause of Tekakwitha one day; but communication with Rome, except by airplane, the Clipper, as we style it here, is not all it was before Italy began hostilities: her ships are not available for mail, and cablegrams are not so sure to reach their destination. What happened, therefore, at the first session on the virtues of the Servant of God, our Catherine, it is too soon to learn here, only we can gather from the manner in which the proofs of them were presented to the Congregation of Rites that there can be little doubt, if any at all, of a favorable decision.

The volume which contains these proofs is of quarto size with 278 pages. After a meat summary of her life, it treats of Kateri's virtues in general, showing that she had a natural disposition to holiness, and then proceeds to treat each virtue in particular, to bring out the fact that it was practised to an heroic degree, that is, not only in a perfect and exemplary manner, but in spite of obstacles of all kinds, ill-treatment, persecution, calumny and serious illness. The testimony to her virtues is taken from records of the missionaries Chauchetière, Cholenec and De Lamberville, who knew her perfectly.

Thus, they tell of her faith in God, so lively, that she quickly learned what was taught in the chapel and her prayers. She

took naturally to practises of devotion, especially to reverence for the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament. She seems to have been favored with this disposition by her Christian mother who was one of the famous Algonquins whom Father Buteux, a martyr for the faith, had converted and taught to lead saintly lives. Indian mothers loved their children and the children returned their love. It was the desire to be like the mother she had lost in tender years that made her desire to know and embrace the mother's faith.

Now it is just here we should stop to consider it is not enough to know the virtues of Tekakwitha: the important thing is to imitate them and here is one trait of Kateri we can imitate, the desire to keep and cultivate the faith of those who brought us into this world, who saw to it that we were baptized and became children of God, and who by example and instruction made our faith become an influence in our lives. Just as the example and the sacrifices of the missionaries were an incentive to the Lily of the Mohawks to believe firmly in what they taught, so the example and the earnest efforts of our clergy to make known the Word of God should attach us ardently to our faith and make us strive to know its teachings.

Faith is a virtue, one of the godly virtues, because it enlightens us with knowledge of God and inspires us to live according to His

holy Will. Now to retain and cultivate faith it must become a habit, a practical force in all we strive to do. We cultivate it by recollecting it in our daily occupations, in morning and evening prayer, at Holy Mass when assisting at the ceremonies of the Church, when learning to observe the ways of God's providence in the government of the world, in our own affairs, and His presence everywhere. "The just man lives by faith," St. Paul wrote to the Romans, and that was eminently true of Tekakwitha.

GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN

When Saint Martin of Tours was dying he insisted on lying on his back, though those about him thought another position would be more comfortable; he wanted to be looking up to the place where he expected to go. So the Deacon Stephen, when his persecutors were about to stone him, "looking up steadfastly to heaven, saw the Glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."

The very name 'heaven' in many languages means something above or beyond this earth, 'the roof of the world'; the cover, the high or far distance; firmament of heaven; as the scripture styles it in the Book of Genesis. Elsewhere it is spoken of as in the region of the stars, the dwelling of God, for although He is present everywhere, His majesty appears in a special manner in the grandeur of the firmament. "The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of his hands."—Psalm 18.

The names by which we know heaven from Holy Scripture are: kingdom of heaven; kingdom of God; the kingdom of the Father; the house of the Father; the kingdom of Christ; the city of God; the abiding city; the heavenly Jerusalem; the holy place; paradise; the joy of the Lord; crown of life; crown of justice; crown of glory; crown incorruptible; the great reward; the inheritance of Christ; the eternal inheritance.

A MOST REMARKABLE SUCCESSION OF FAVORS ALL IN ONE PLACE

"I have been remiss in writing to tell you about the blessings that Katherine Tekakwitha has been the instrument of in the parish where I formerly was stationed.

"Two great blessings came to the Parish of St. Katherine's, which is a very small place with a great debt and few families. My first favor requested was for a decent sanctuary. I got the floor donated, but could not get the covering which would amount to \$325.00. I began a novena of Masses for Katherine's canonization and the third day a man came and offered to pay the entire bill. I also got a wrought iron altar-rail costing about \$500.00 donated. When the sanctuary was complete it was worth \$2,000.00 and not even a penny had been spent on a nail.

"My second great desire was for a parochial school. Most of our school children were going to two public schools. I asked for a miracle and it has come true. The neighboring convent's Mother Vicar came for a visit one day and asked the pastor if he had a school (she had been there before, but had not asked till the Masses were started for the Cause.) When he told her no, she said, 'We will build a school for the parish.' There it is now taking care of the children without a penny of cost to the parish and the envy of every priest in the diocese. It is called the miracle of ———. The nuns all know that I had prayed for it. One of them had asked me to pray for a building for a missionary association that she has charge of and I said that my first need would be for a parochial school. Both prayers have been answered in one, for the Sister has obtained quarters to carry out her plans which far exceed her needs.

"Don't mistake me. I was only the curate of the parish. Now in Philadelphia, Pa."

"This money was given to me for this purpose, for the Cause, by a pious Indian woman who desires to obtain a very special intention regarding her daughter's health and has asked me to make a novena to Kateri for this intention with my class."

—St. Francis, Wis.

"I have had reason of late to believe the little Indian girl's hearing has been restored through your good prayers. A member of our faculty here, a very young Sister, will not have to undergo the serious operation that has been threatening for some time.

"I can tell you something a little less sublime: One small part of the school was a source of much anxiety because of the presence of mice! All remedies were in vain. In desperation, I pinned there the picture of Tekakwitha which you sent me. We have had no trouble since! A holy Priest told me I ought to get out a patent on that remedy."

—Portland, Me.

"I am anxious to name the school after Kateri and to lay a corner-stone in her honor and memory. I do not think that there is any legislation of the Church against such doings as the building is distinctively a school. The church is a separate building and is 'Holy Cross Church.' The laying of the corner-stone and later the opening of the school will receive a great deal of publicity and will be a means of making Kateri better known in Jamaica."

—Linstead, Jamaica, B. W. I.

REAL ESTATE AND HOMES FIGURE THIS MONTH

"We inherited an estate consisting of real estate, mining land, and unimproved property burdened with debt and unpaid taxes. We tried in vain to sell for the past six years. Altogether unexpectedly buyers appeared and now in exchange for two acres an expert young man is helping us catch up with work in our office."

—Sonora, Cal.

"A saloon and dance hall was opened in a restricted neighborhood. Court action failed to remove the nuisance. On the eighth day of our novena the owner called and asked me to sell him property for which I was agent. I did so, inserting a clause forbidding a dance hall on it. We then went to court to have the dance hall near us closed, and, thanks to Kateri, succeeded."—Gretna, La.

A mortgage on a home had been let run for twenty-two years. Payment was suddenly called for. The holders of the mortgage could pay, but did not wish to own a property in a neighborhood that had become undesirable and besides was at a distance from their children's homes. They invoked Catherine, succeeded in selling to an advantage, got a reduction on the mortgage, and bought a desirable home.—Philadelphia, Pa.

"I am substituting for Father Bonaventure here at this old and famous place of Pala. Your little leaflet on the 'Lily of the Mohawks' arrived and I had to read it at once.

"Please accept the enclosed offerings for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha. She has done ever so much for me and I only hope and pray that she may bring me back to the Papago Indians of the Arizona Desert."

—San Antonio Mission, Pala, Cal.

A WAY OF THRIVING ON HOLINESS

"Dear ———: Will you kindly send me some of those folders of that Saint's prayer, the Indian Saint, I forgot her name. Will you also let me know what they are in 100 and 500 lots; do you have any other prayers that are on folders of other saints? I would like my name and address on these folders, so I can get the returns from the people at my address, instead of yours."

—Pittsburgh (*no signature*).

Inquiry brought the information that this came from a novelty store poorly kept in a squalid neighborhood by people of nationality hard to make out.

"My mother likewise obtained what seemed a miracle recently, through prayer to this holy woman." —Circleville, O.

"Enclosed is an offering for Masses for the repose of the soul of my sister. Thanks to the application of the relic of Tekakwitha, she never had that intense pain again. I did not ask for her cure, but only that her end might not be too hard."—Washington, Pa.

"My sister has asthma and trouble breathing so I promised this for the Cause if she would get relief. She has not gotten over it entirely, and still gets short of breath some times, but the spells do not last very long, and there is a remarkable change in her condition, and I am sure with the help of Kateri she will be still better."

—Minneapolis, Minn.

"It is unbelievable how the money came in and we are surely grateful to Catherine Tekakwitha for her wonderful answer to our petition."

—Rice Lake, Wis.

"The money came and the astonishing part of it was that we had had fewer patients that month than usual. It is only the second time in a period of ten years that we have reached that amount." —Crookston, Minn.

"In thanksgiving for financial aid after praying to 'Lily of the Mohawks' for only three weeks. My mother also received unexpected financial aid after invoking the aid of the Lily of the Mohawks."

—St. Cloud, Minn.

"Recently I needed a large sum of money; no possible chance to get it. I promised the above amount if I secured work; almost immediately I was hired and not only was able to get the required amount, but nearly three times more."

—Camden, N. J.

"Financial aid has been sent us through prayers to Kateri Tekakwitha: the first time was two weeks ago, when my husband, who was worried about payment of bills, prayed to her. A few days later he received a check for payment of a bill to him from a party they never expected to receive it from. Again, this week, when things looked so black for us, from unforeseen sources the financial aid came again."

—Parkersburg, W. Va.

"I asked her to change the minds of two persons who were about to sign certain papers which I felt would cause considerable trouble, but about which I was powerless to intervene in any way. However, Little Tekakwitha took care of it all alone and successfully."

—Palmyra, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	10	Examination Success	1
Positions	3	Spiritual	1
Financial Aid	19	Property Sale	1
Relief in Distress	5	Not Specified	37

PETITIONS

Cures	20	Not Specified	52
Positions	18	Sell Property	1
Financial Aid	19	Rental of Apartment	1

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