



### Significant Progress

Things go on as usual so far as Holy Church procedure is concerned in Rome; but news of it all comes slowly. However, it is good news. The first session of the Congregation of Rites, November 26, on the virtues of Tekakwitha was very favorable, as there is reason to believe the next two will be. Then Venerable; then the Miracles; then Blessed Kateri!

### Ministers of Peace . . . Saint Genevieve—Tekakwitha

Genevieve, whose prayers averted the savage invasion of Paris by Attila and his Huns in 451, attracted the esteem of Saint Germain when on his mission from Gaul to Britain he preached at a village near Paris.

Tekakwitha likewise aroused the admiration of the Black Robe missionary De Lamberville when he found her retired in her cabin at Gandaouaghe longing for the Faith.

Genevieve in later life was peace-maker for her fellow Parisians when Merowig, Childeric and Clovis were taking possession of her city.

Tekakwitha after her death obtained for her people preservation from the attacks of the Iroquois, and at times victory over them by small forces of warriors compared with the greater number of the foe.

Genevieve is honored as the patroness of Paris; Tekakwitha was styled by the second Bishop of Quebec: The Genevieve of New France.

For fifteen hundred years Genevieve has been honored in France; for well nigh three hundred Tekakwitha has been venerated in New France and the veneration keeps growing, chiefly here the land of her birth.

### THE TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE

Could there be a finer tribute to the holiness of Tekakwitha than her companions paid after her death? They formed a band known as her 'Sisters,' to keep alive the memory of her virtues, to imitate and make them known to others. Better than all the tributes written by her missionary guides, this one proves the influence of her example. Men also came under it. This is the best evidence of a veneration for her that has lasted till our day, and of the renown for holiness which began during her life and which has grown with the years.

This Year of Our Lord promises notable progress for Kateri's Cause, as the announcement above indicates. May all who revere and love her become members of the League which, like Kateri's 'Sisters,' venerates and makes known her virtues; invokes her aid for heavenly favors, and adds the benefit of daily remembrance in Holy Mass and in the recital of the Divine Office—the universal prayer of the Church!

Help make this known to your friends. The deceased may be enrolled.

## VIRTUES OF KATERI, III — CHARITY

The word charity has a twofold meaning for us. In the language of the Romans, from whom we have adopted the term, it had only one meaning which is expressed by our word love. Love of God was so natural to Tekakwitha that she felt hurt when anyone asked if she loved Him. This love was the main-spring of her life, and it was singularly pure without any hope of reward for it. With St. Francis Xavier, in whose name parish she spent her last years, she could truly chant:

O God, Thou art the object of my love,  
Not for the hope of endless joys above,  
Not for the fear of endless pains below  
Which those who love Thee not must undergo.

No doubt with all who are 'clean of heart' she saw God, had such intimate knowledge of Him that He was uppermost in her thoughts, labors, pious conversation as well as in her devotions, as God and Man He was uppermost also in her affection; for this she needed no special vision. His love for the world which He so loved that He gave His only Son, attracted her in the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of love, and in the Cross, the memorial of His Passion and Death for love of mankind.

While Kateri was still under instruction after Baptism, she was always under the impression that there was something more which she could do to please God than she was instructed to do, and until her last days she was urging the missionaries and her pious friends to make known to her what she could do to please God most. Child of God as she was she considered the house of God, the primitive chapel, her home, spending hours there by day and into the night, gazing on the tabernacle, regaling her soul with the thought of the food she would receive at the Holy Table.

## GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN — III

There are many mentions of heaven in Holy Scripture, both in the Old and New Testaments, but there are few descriptions. A prophet, Baruch, wrote: "O Israel, how great is the house of God, and how vast is the place of His possession! It is great and hath no end: it is high and immense." Our Lord told His Apostles: "In My Father's house there are many mansions"; and St. Paul declared: "For we know, if our earthly house of this habitation be dissolved, that we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in heaven." Not made with hands, because it is the abode of spirits, a state rather than a place, an abode in which after the resurrection, even the bodies of the just will be glorified.

It is good to speculate on this holy subject even though it is written: "That eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for them that love Him." (I Corinthians ii, 9.) It is good to speculate, because the same Apostle wrote: "Our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Who will reform the body of our lowliness, made like to the body of His glory, according to the operation whereby also he is able to subdue all things unto himself." (Philippians iii, 20.)

Now what is a glorified body? Not much speculation is needed to answer. St. Matthew and St. Mark described how: "After six days Jesus taketh unto Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them, and His face did shine as the sun; and His garments became white as snow." After His resurrection, Our Lord passed bodily through closed doors, appeared bodily out of nowhere near His tomb, on roadside and seashore. His body was spiritualized, and glorified.



"We intend to have the statue of native marble, standing in the open, and landscaped in keeping with her race. Our plan will do much to make her better known and loved."

—St. Bernard College, St. Bernard, Ala.

"For a long time I had endeavored to get a residence on the reservation in this institution where I am employed, but had no success until I took my plea to the Lily of the Mohawks. These are newly-built homes for which the Government furnishes rent and utilities at cost."

—Lewisburg, Pa.

This is of special interest because the priest who advised the employment seeker recently reported to us what seems to be a miracle, details of which we are preparing to send to Rome:

"When out of work was advised by Father Walsh to pray to Tekakwitha. On December 6 I had a call from a company here asking me if I would be willing to accept employment with them and on December 9 I went to work for them and have been employed by them ever since. I had never thought there ever would be any possible chance to secure this employment."

—Great Falls, Mont.

"I have been transferred from St. Peter's, Chicago. The parish is a mixed one, 65 families Indians and 60 whites. There are several outlying Indian missions attached to and attended from this parish. It is my second appointment among Indians. My first was among Ottawas in Michigan (1926-1936).

"More than ever I need the assistance of Kateri Tekakwitha, since I am to labor for her people. This locality is where Father Claude Allouez, S.J., established the mission of the Holy Ghost in 1665, and where the celebrated Father James Marquette, S.J., labored as successor to Father Allouez."

—Rev. Fr. Aubert, O.F.M., Bayfield, Wis.

#### KATERI AN INSPIRATION TO HER OWN



Very many friends of Kateri and the V. Postulator for her Cause sent me Christmas greetings, all of them very beautiful and much appreciated. One stands out

above all the rest, because it is a certificate of membership for me in the Kateri Club of De Smet, Idaho, with a picture of Kateri taken from a statue designed by a young Indian sculptor. On the back is an acrostic:

K — for Kateri Tekakwitha.

A — for authentic Indian Art.

T — for tribal and intertribal unity through application of Christian principles of charity, justice and co-operative endeavor.

E — for education of Indian leaders capable of meeting modern complications while preserving racial heritages.

R — for racial understanding.

I — for exclusively — Indian membership and control.

That 'exclusively Indian membership and control' means more than it would appear to mean. It does not exclude me wholly because I am an adopted Indian chief with the same Indian name as Father Jogues, Ondesson (Ever Bright Light). What it really means is that the members of the Club realize that they must become less dependent on white aid and begin to do for themselves. Indeed, a leader among them believes that Tekakwitha is inspiring them to start a Pan-American movement among their people.

"The favor I requested some time ago: the return of my nephew to the Church and the Sacraments was granted. My nephew's wife and two children were also baptized and all are very happy." —Cleveland, O.

"She promised if she got relief by Christmas she would give me \$3.00 to send for the Cause. Christmas Eve she was no better and thought Tekakwitha had forgotten her. Christmas morning she got up without ache or pain and so far she is all right. Father, she is not Catholic. She is good and kind and everybody likes her." —Cincinnati, O.

"I would be most ungrateful if I did not thank her for the many favors I have received through her; many spiritual, improvement in health, riddance of an awful pest, financial aid, help in studies, and many others." —Baltimore, Md.

"I promised to make it known to you and anyone else who might be interested in advancing the Cause for the Beatification of Kateri if my prayer for a pressing necessity was answered; it was answered. For other important favors I have become deeply devoted to her." —Batavia, O.

"Inclosed money order for \$5.00. I promised some money this summer for the Cause if I received my sight back. I have sent some to the Shrine since I came home." —Indio, Cal.

"It was through her that I secured a position immediately upon finishing my course in business college." —Cincinnati, O.

"Since first hearing of the prayer to the Servant of God Catherine in October of 1939, I have prayed to her every day. Through prayer five different people have obtained work in that time." —Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I was beset with bills of all kinds, doctors and trade bills, etc., and out of a clear sky I received a bonus check from my husband which has helped me wonderfully." —New Orleans, La.

"Unemployed for five weeks I was suddenly called for four different positions as well as notified of two examinations for civil service for positions where there had been no openings for years." —Aurora, Ill.

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Cures .....	3	Financial Aid .....	8
Positions .....	5	Relief in Distress .....	1
Not Specified .....	38		

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	8	Not Specified .....	22
Positions .....	1	Sell Property .....	1
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