

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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### To All Who Venerate the Lily of the Mohawks

Here is an urgent invitation to all who know the Servant of God Kateri Tekakwitha, to join in a movement to make her known to as many others as possible.

Though already known and venerated by thousands, they are but few in comparison with the multitudes who would be benefited and grateful for knowing her.

Those who do come to know her become enthusiastic in her praise. They conceive a confidence in her which knows no bounds, and often they communicate this to others.

Why not do so on a large scale? Why not join in a concerted and well organized plan to make this saintly Indian Maiden known and loved everywhere?

Not a day passes without inquiries from earnest petitioners telling how by merest chance they have heard of her and want to know more.

The story of her charmed life is so fascinating. It grips all who come to know it, even those who are not familiar with the ways of Catholic life.

The movement to make her known is not so much to increase the number of her admirers as to win them to an example of goodness which all can imitate.

All can imitate virtues so primal as her simple faith in God, hope in Him as a matter of course, childlike love of Him and of her people, fondness for the Cross, Our Lady's Rosary and Litany.

Then this child of God was always at home in the House of God, at every Mass daily, at any free hour of the day, long into the evenings: at home in the House of Prayer.

No pressure is needed to win people to imitate such homelike goodness. It appeals to all, young and old, sinner and saint.

Rapidly in Rome the Cause for the beatification and canonization has proceeded, and is now nearing a happy termination. There they know how eagerly we desire to honor her on our altars, and they, too, are keenly interested.

Now, too often, it happens that those who are declared Saints are known only to a few, to people of their own countryside, or fatherland, to priests and others in a few dioceses, to members of their religious Congregation.

The highest tribute of veneration we can pay to Tekakwitha is to make her known here and to all the world. It is strange how people in distant lands seek knowledge of her.

Even reports of favors, received through her intercession, come from Mexico, England, Ireland, Australia, China, Africa, India, West Indies; from priests, sisters, laity, non-Catholics.

Already many bishops, pastors and their assistants; priests, brothers and sisters of religious communities, and devoted men and women are untiring in efforts to make Tekakwitha known to others.

**Why not all join in one great effort to spread this knowledge?**

The means at hand are plentiful, a brief *Life*, leaflets and pictures which tell her story in few words and some of the rare favors obtained by invoking her gracious aid.

A first step is to send to me as V. Postulator for her beatification and canonization the names and addresses of all to whom it is desired to make her known.

Everyone who venerates the Lily of the Mohawks has friends and acquaintances, few or many, who would gratefully consider it a blessing to know about her.

Priests, pastors and assistants, have their congregations, and pious societies; sisters their pupils and groups of lay auxiliaries; everyone comes in contact with some who need to know this saintly Indian Maiden.

We all need to know this pattern of innocence and purity in these dark days. Do we not all know how urgent is the need of relief of many in distress, of cure of bodily ailments, of conversions, peace in families, money, employment?

As V. Postulator I beg of you to consider this as a personal appeal, to act on it promptly, and to let me have as many names as you can on the leaflet enclosed.

Those who cannot help by sending names or who may have already sent some, all, in fact, can help by an offering to enable me as V. Postulator for her Cause, to make her known and to extend the benefit of this knowledge to as many as possible.

### KATERI USED CANOES, TOO

"I gave her name to my canoe which I use to travel in my missions."

—McIntosh, Canada.

"I have a troop of Girl Scouts who have chosen her for their patron. The little girls just love Kateri." —Vancouver, Wash.

### THERE IS A KATERI ORPHANAGE

"My promise to Blessed Tekakwitha was that, if my prayers were answered, I would make clothes for the children (either girls and boys, or just girls, whichever the case may be) of one of her Indian missions or orphanages. And, in case there is no Kateri Tekakwitha Orphanages or Missions, I would make the clothes for some other Indian mission or orphanage." —Quincy, Mass.

And the clothes are in the making, but for the girls only, as the good lady could not make buttonholes.

"There have been so many other answers to prayer, and we really did something unusual for the novena this year. We started at the outdoor shrine as last year, with school children and Indians, but a downpour of rain set in, so we made 'stations' in the houses of the Camp, every day, a Pied Piper procession, with no apologies for the mud tracked into the houses. The children carried pictures of the Via Matric stations, and we prayed to the Blessed Mother and to Tekakwitha in seven houses. One returned to the Sacraments, a case of lay apostleship, was apparently aided by these 'visits.' If it accomplished nothing else, it certainly contributed to hallowing the houses so that there was not one drunken brawl in the camps during the Easter gatherings. Two years ago, a 'party' began on Holy Thursday and lasted until Easter Sunday, climaxing with a murder."

—DeSmet, Idaho.

### Think of This!

Concert given by the Indians of Caughnawaga, Canada, near the tomb of Tekakwitha, April 17, the anniversary of her death.

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PSALM 150 . . . . .	<i>Cesar Franck</i>
AVE VERUM . . . . .	<i>Mozart</i>
CHRIST THE KING . . . . .	<i>Beethoven</i>
HYMN IN HONOR OF KATERI . . . . .	<i>Bernier</i>
OUR FATHER, Solo . . . . .	<i>Busser</i>
AVE MARIA . . . . .	<i>Tremblay</i>
QUÆ EST ISTA . . . . .	<i>Cesar Franck</i>
KEY OF HEAVEN . . . . .	<i>Casimiri</i>
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT . . . . .	<i>Bethier</i>
JERUSALEM, ALL HAIL . . . . .	<i>Noyon</i>

### Benediction

COR JESU . . . . .	<i>Bach</i>
O SALUTARIS . . . . .	<i>Perosi</i>
O MARIA . . . . .	<i>Sala</i>
ECCE FIDELIS . . . . .	<i>Lassard</i>
TANTUM ERGO . . . . .	<i>Gratioso</i>
ALLELUIA . . . . .	<i>Hændel</i>

Singing was one of the attractions by which the missionaries of Tekakwitha's day drew Indians to their chapels, but could they ever dream that the little sisters of Kateri would in turn attract missionaries to hear them chant from classical composers?

### THE OFFERING WE PRIZE HIGHLY

"The enclosed is offering made by our Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Kateri's Cause. I hope it will help a bit, and perhaps we will have more later on."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

"A boy who had spinal meningitis and was deaf, dumb and blind, was, after invoking Tekakwitha completely cured. Next his grand uncle, estranged from the Church many years, was paralyzed, and owing to prayers for her aid, not only was he cured, but returned to the Church and received the Sacraments."

—Woonsocket, R. I.



"I also said the prayer for a sixteen-year-old boy who was to have a very serious and delicate test taken to see if he had T.B. of the throat. The next day the test was made and it was negative. I told him what I had done and gave him the prayer also. He was certainly a grateful little boy."—Selma, Cal.

"She has been helpful to us in many ways, especially in the collection of past due accounts. Before Christmas when we were very short of funds to meet our monthly bills we invoked her aid and asked for a thousand dollars before the holiday. Christmas eve we had collected \$1,012 and by the first of the year another thousand, some of the money coming from creditors whom we had thought hopeless."—Beaver Dam, Wis.

". . . I am now completing my promise by advising you that almost six months ago I was given a probationary position and have every reason to believe that this position will prove to be of as permanent a nature as any I could have obtained. Not only that, but after obtaining work there was an obstacle of obtaining a birth certificate, and after again praying for this (and much difficulty in locating a priest who could give me a baptismal certificate, for the State in which I was born had not kept records of births as early as the year of my birth) I now feel that the Lily of the Mohawks has indeed interceded for me and been successful in having my prayers answered."—Billings, Mont.

"I wish to fulfill a belated obligation regarding a special favor which I attribute to the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. On August 15, 1938, Eddie Englehart—four years old—ran across the street near his home. A car came in great speed, struck Eddie and knocked him unconscious. He was brought to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Dr. Leland S. Harris declared it to be a probable fracture of the skull and concussion of the brain. Calling at the hospital, I went to see Eddie, but his breathing was about the only sign of life. I spoke to him, but no sign of recognition. His mother being there, I said to her, 'make a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha and I will join you every morning at my Mass for the recovery of Eddie, if it be God's Will.' Every day, sometimes twice a day, I would call at the hospital, but no change in Eddie's condition. I had given the mother a medal of Kateri to pin on Eddie's gown. Every day when I called I would speak loud to Eddie, shouting at times in his ear, but no results. On the ninth day of the novena I entered Eddie's room—stood for a moment, went to his side, took his hand and said: 'How are you Eddie?' 'Good morning, Father,' was the answer I got from Eddie. The mother fell down on her knees and said 'Eddie.' 'Mother, mother,' said Eddie. Eddie opened his eyes, he looked at me and his mother. After a week Eddie left the hospital. In two weeks Eddie walked and soon joined other boys in play. He made his First Communion in July, 1940, and attends school regularly." —Spokane, Wash.

### TO MAKE TEKAKWITHA KNOWN AND LOVED

Brief Life, by Wynne, 64 pages, 3 illustrations, 25 cents.

Leaflet I, with prayer and remarkable favors, 5 cents each, 25 cents a dozen.

Leaflet II, Novena for private devotion, 5 cents each, 25 cents a dozen.

Pictures—Small, 5 x 3¼ in., sepia ink, with sketch and prayer, 5 cents.

Small, 5 x 3¼ in., 4 colors, sketch and prayer, silk applied to relics, 15 cents.

Large, 13 x 10 in., 4 colors, mounted on heavy board, 40 cents.

(Prices include postage)

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