

## THE LILY OF

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## THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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### No Better News

Since the announcement of the formal Introduction of the Cause of Tekakwitha, no better news could be given to the readers of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS than the fact that the Rev. John J. Killeen, S.J., Rector of the Novitiate at St. Andrews-on-the-Hudson, Hyde Park, N. Y., has been specially designated to examine evidence for miracles attributed to the intercession of Tekakwitha.

This means that we are coming nearer to the day that our saintly Indian Maiden will be declared Blessed. The procedure is as follows: After two sessions of the Congregation of Rites for the purpose of examining the virtues of Tekakwitha, a third will be held in which these virtues will be pronounced heroic and she will then be styled Venerable. Then, or even before that, the Holy Father will authorize the conduct of the Apostolic Process for examining the alleged miracles. The bishop of each diocese in which one of these occurred will appoint a tribunal for considering the evidence, one member of which should be an expert medical man. Four authenticated miracles are usually required. More than four have been reported. It will be Father Killeen's duty to present the evidence before these tribunals.

### A Pleasant Pentecost Sunday

Of all the pleasant Sunday afternoons I have ever had—and I cannot recall an unpleasant one—the most pleasant was on Pentecost Sunday, when, with her mother, Miss Jeanne Bouvier came all the way from Boston with moving picture apparatus for a private showing of her moving picture of Tekakwitha. It begins with her birthplace at the Indian village Ossernenon, on the Mohawk, now Auriesville, New York, and follows her in the migrations of her people, first to Fonda and then to La Prairie on the banks of the St. Lawrence. It is extraordinarily well done, the whole picture in color, the Indian costumes, the acting, the titles, the sound, a distinguished piece of work.

This picture will help to make Tekakwitha known everywhere, and all who venerate the saintly Indian Maiden will feel indebted to the one who has devoted so much time and labor to make it worthy of its subject, Jeanne Bouvier, whose studio is at 39 School Street, Brookline, Mass. It is the ideal message about Kateri for schools and parish organizations. Those who have seen the picture all remark: "Now we know our Kateri Tekakwitha better than ever."

## Cure of An Indian Child

Arlene Skanen, a Cœur d'Alene Indian child, was afflicted with St. Vitus Dance and a complete nervous breakdown as the result of the Mission Church burning to the ground in the spring of 1939. Arlene witnessed the fire with her mother, and kept screaming: "God is burning! God is burning!" She could not recover from the fright, and was forced to go to bed within two weeks' time. Her condition was so weakened that she fell prey to scarlet fever and was taken to the hospital, where she was at death's door. A heart complication developed while she was there. Toward the middle of summer, she was well enough to return to the Indian village, but she was definitely marked with the nervous disease and could scarcely be left out of sight, and the members of the household could not raise their voices if they did not wish to send Arlene into a spasm of crying.

The poor child staggered and twisted and was a pitiful sight indeed. The mother was nearly in despair, however, when Arlene became bedridden in the month of September, and eventually developed pneumonia, which again demanded months in the hospital. The child was past hope in the minds of the doctors until, as a last recourse, a blood transfusion was given with her brother as donor. Arlene began to show signs of life again, and by Christmas was home and could be carried to Midnight Mass.

However, fire or loud noises were causes of new fright and the child was scarcely ever out of bed. It was commonly remarked: "Mary Skanen cannot raise her girls, it seems. It is a matter of time for Arlene." Then in March, a neighboring house caught fire during the night, and another attack for Arlene seemed surely more than the child could bear after the year's sickness. She was very bad.

The novena to Our Mother of Sorrows with invocations to Kateri Tekakwitha for the sick children in the camp was begun

April 9 in preparation for Kateri's feast. All the Indian women assembled at a shrine of Our Lady, read part of the life of Kateri, sang her hymn, said prayers to Mary and the Indian Flower. Arlene's mother began the novena, but was forced to remain at the bedside of the dying child. Her sister and brother were called from neighboring farms, and, with true Indian fatalism, they waited for the end.

It was not to be. On the morning of the seventeenth, the women went to Holy Communion in a body, Mrs. Skanen with them. The poor mother returned sadly to her home to find Arlene out of bed, and SHE HAS NEVER BEEN A DAY IN BED SINCE THAT DAY. The symptoms of the nervous disease were entirely gone, and a burning house a few months later had no ill effects. She gained ten pounds within a month's time and became the liveliest, healthiest little girl in the camp, truly deserving of the Indians' name for her "Tekakwitha's Miracle."

—Desmet, Idaho.

So satisfactory was the response to our request in the June number of this Message for names of persons who may become interested in the Servant of God, Kateri Tekakwitha, that we are repeating the request in other ways so as to get the greatest number possible of new devotees.

As stated in the June LILY OF THE MO-HAWKS, we know that many of the readers had already sent the names of their friends, and that many prefer not to send lists, but to act directly in spreading the information about Kateri which we would communicate.

Hence we are inserting in this number a leaflet listing the various things that can help to make the saintly Indian Maiden known.

Not priests only, nor sisters only, but many of our laity also, like to distribute these articles, some on a small, others on a large scale.

### Out of the Ordinary

"Although the request seemed almost impossible, it was granted almost immediately."

—Kitchener, Ont., Canada.

"After thirty-two months of illness, I am now able to go back to work and it is the good Kateri that I know helped me."

—Portland, Me.

"Heard about her through a non-Catholic friend as a wonderful helper financially; she has had such good luck with her selling."

—Cleveland, O.

"I begged Kateri to ask our Lord for two things for me, money and to go to Alaska. Well, I received both and am very happy."

—Tacoma, Wash.

"In thanksgiving for favors granted through the intercession of Tekakwitha, I am enclosing an offering to be used in any way that would further the objects of the Tekakwitha League."

—Hollywood, Cal.

"A friend was put in jail by mistake, and as several influential men who helped get him out were leaving town in an hour this man would have had to stay in jail several days."

—Palestine, Tex.

"My son was working for an oil company as radio operator on a ship; and with the times being so bad on the waters, I worried a great deal. I started a novena that he would get a land job. On the eighth day I received a wire that he was going to Washington, D. C., the next day to work for the Eastern Air Lines."

—Superior, Wis.

A happy Indian lady writes: "Oh, yes, Father, I must tell you good news and I feel so happy over it. On June 1 my husband received baptism and he has been studying catechism very good and some day he will receive Holy Communion. Father, it is

something just grand to know and see him a Catholic and he sits and prays and so happy to think of it and see him with me at the Communion day."

—Mayetta, Kan.

"It gives me great joy to announce to you, dear Father, that I have received an extraordinary answer to my Novena to the Lily of the Mohawks last week, on May 24, when I found work with a very prominent dentist here in San Diego, and time to continue my course at college, for an elementary credential. Many people have already told me that the easy way in which I secured this new position was remarkable since I have been out of nurse's training since 1935!"

—San Diego, Cal.

"I wrote you some time ago asking your prayers to Blessed Catherine. My daughter, who graduates from a Catholic college, was looking for a position as a public school teacher which wasn't easy because of the test book law for parochial schools that is pending and also her inexperience. Our prayers were answered beyond our expectations. My daughter signed a contract to teach in an eight-room school only a few miles from Portland with a salary above minimum. Enclosed find an offering for a Mass in honor of Blessed Catherine."

—Portland, Ore.

Another member of the Congregation of Rites—Reverend Hippolyte Delehaye, one of the Consultors, departed this life on April 1. He took more than official interest in the Cause of Tekakwitha.

Father Delehaye was a very distinguished man, President of the Society of Bollandistes, the great authorities on the lives of the Saints. He wrote several articles for *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. He was in his eighty-second year. R. I. P.



"Prayer to be relieved from sciatic rheumatism, was heard." —La Fargeville, N. Y.

"Enclosed is a thanksgiving for the Cause after financial assistance received through prayers in honor of Little Katherine."

—Tacoma, Wash.

"I have received a great many favors through prayer to Kateri Tekakwitha, and perhaps this offering may help to further her Cause."

—San Francisco, Cal.

"My brother received a wonderful position with an increase of about \$60.00 a month, since he and his wife started praying to Tekakwitha."

—Chicago, Ill.

"Enclosed please find check for Cause for favor granted through Kateri for a happy death and not-too-prolonged illness of my father, James H. Grady, who died April 23."

—Ridgewood, N. Y.

"I am happy to say that I have received these favors: better health, peace of mind and my eyesight is improved. I have circulated the leaflets and medals and in almost every case the results were wonderful."

—Bangor, Me.

"I was in financial difficulties on my poultry farm and it looked like I was going to lose my home. Last December I started to say the prayer and in April a manufacturer with whom I was not acquainted offered me a good job in a neighboring town. The job came after me just as I was ready to start looking for work."

—Oldenburg, Ind.

"After reading in Register about wonderful favors granted through Kateri Tekakwitha, I sent for some leaflets and made a novena to her, asking for increase in the business of my husband, who is a civil engineer; also that he would be able to collect his money on a job which he had just completed, as the clients refused to pay even though they had signed a contract to do so. The outcome was that the State of Texas took over the job and paid for half and there is a possibility that a major oil company will eventually pay for rest. At least, he has his expenses paid and some money besides. My husband's business has increased so greatly he is not able to handle all of it."

—Tyler, Tex.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	6	Examination Success .....	3
Employment .....	11	Relief in Distress .....	4
Financial Aid .....	6	Property Sale .....	1
Not Specified .....	53		

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	6	Property Sale .....	1
Employment .....	4	Spiritual .....	1
Financial Aid .....	1	Vocation .....	1
Not Specified .....	39	Relief in Distress .....	2

#### Obituary

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