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Innocence and Tekakwitha

Like many another trait or state of the human soul, we know innocence when we see it, but find it hard to define or describe. We regard it as the peculiar property of children, and would love to see them grow and even go through life without losing it. We like to protect them from anything that would mar it. Much as we deplore the cruelty of Herod in destroying the babes in Bethlehem, we are somewhat compensated and happy to venerate them as the Holy Innocents.

Still, innocence is not an exclusive trait or state of the souls of children. Saint Aloysius was twenty-three years old when he died, and in the Mass of his Feast the prayer begins: "O God, the dispenser of heavenly gifts, Who didst unite in the angelic youth Aloysius an equally marvelous innocence of life and penance." St. Teresa of Jesus was twenty-four years old at her death: the Mass of her Feast stresses the condition Our Lord set on entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven: "Unless ye become like little children."

So innocence is for all of us and not for children alone. It is a condition of salvation for all. Howsoever impossible it may seem to fulfil this condition, note that it is a gift

of God, that it means to stop giving offense whether to God or to man, and by His grace to wash away and keep away all guilt and guile. One cannot help knowing evil, but one can avoid doing evil either in mind or in deed. The very root of the word innocence, in latin *nocere*, means to harm, hurt, offend. And that all can avoid.

Simple hearted is a good Scriptural equivalent for innocence, in which simple means whole, undivided in the love of God and of one's neighbor, without any duplicity, double dealing or selfishness. It was the expression of David when he and his people were contributing liberally for the building of the temple with the sole desire of worshipping God. In fact, one of the marks of innocence is a bent on serving God, as its opposite is aversion to Him.

Baptismal innocence is an expression we frequently read or hear. It means that baptism restores the principal gift which our first parents lost when they sacrificed their original innocence by original sin, namely, the gift of sanctifying grace; when anyone is said to have preserved baptismal innocence it means to have led a life without having offended God by mortal sin, and we may

bless Him for knowing that such lives are common among His adopted children.

It is strange that innocence should be contrasted with virtue, as if the one meant goodness without trial and the other goodness in spite of trial; as if innocence were not itself a virtue or could scarcely exist amid the corruptions of the world if subject to temptation. With innocence there is always a horror of evil, a dread of sin and a mysterious sense of its danger or approach, mysterious simply because the innocent is made wise and fortified by Divine grace.

The innocence of Tekakwitha was wonderfully protected by God even before she received sanctifying grace in the sacrament of baptism. Her life is a marvelous instance of Divine favor, and that means Divine grace. Naturally deposed to avoid evil, and craving for knowledge of the great Being to Whom the mysteries of Nature were ever lifting her mind and heart, her life is a marvelous instance of the adage: "To one who does his part God does not deny grace."

Attention

My dear Father Wynne:

I have again visited Mrs. McD., and questioned her and the family and all important witnesses minutely about her cure, before and after. The facts are these:

Mrs. McD., then 60 years of age and mother of nine children, had in May, 1935, a severe stroke of paralysis, complete on one side, with cerebral hemorrhage and blood pressure of 240, which left her in a coma for several days, unable to hear or speak or recognize. The day on which I applied the relic of Kateri Tekakwitha the doctor had pronounced that there was no hope of recovery and she could not live the day, and the doctor whom he brought in consultation positively affirmed the same.

Mrs. McD., who was and is devotedly religious, had a special devotion to Tekakwitha, but being in coma when I applied the relic she had no knowledge of the application. She slept well that night, and waking next morning she said distinctly, "Jesus, mercy," her first words for over a week. Recognition resumed at once, and gradually speech. Dr. S. found that day that the blood pressure had gone down close to normal and pronounced her general recovery so far medically unaccountable, for the day before she had been beyond medical aid. Though she wanted to sit up, the doctor confined her to bed for a week. Thereafter she steadily improved in speech, action and movement, and read avidly as had been her wont. Blood pressure became and remained normal, and within from three to six months she attained complete normality all round, which she still retains. Now she walks briskly, knits, and reads widely, and recently she danced for half an hour with her son-in-law, with no injurious effect. She retains her many intellectual interests, but most her devotion to religion and prayer. She is decidedly assured that her recovery is due to the intercession of Tekakwitha: and Dr. S., who is not a Catholic, is equally positive that it is attributable to supernatural aid since in her then condition she was clearly beyond all medical resource. All the witnesses I examined, common sense intelligent people, have not the slightest doubt about it.

—(Rev.) M. K., S.J.

AND THE DOCTOR'S OPINION

This is true that Mrs. McD. was unconscious and completely paralyzed on one side and looked medically impossible for a cure from an apparent cerebral hemorrhage.

She began immediately to improve and now she is a woman of 65 years—with all her faculties, able to do most of the things she has always done. This improvement cannot be accounted for medically. —S. S., M.D.

OUR PASTORS AND KATERI

"Great favor obtained for the parish, through the prayers of Tekakwitha."

—Pastor, New Orleans, La.

"Happy to enclose this offering (\$5.00) which Kateri helped me to get for the purpose, I suppose. It is very rarely I have a chance to earn something, but I promised her this beforehand."

—Pastor, Faribault, Minn.

"A year ago, appointed Pastor of this parish encumbered with a heavy debt, I promised \$50.00 to Kateri's Cause if the debt was paid. The additional \$50.00 is to help further her Cause and requesting some spiritual and material favors for my parishioners and self, God willing."

—Pastor, Ludington, Mich.

"On May 10 our checking account was \$0.15. On May 20 it was \$502.40. Plays, programs, collections, etc., which God was pleased to bless so abundantly through the intercession of our heavenly patron, and the prayers and suggestions of our kind friends, made it possible to meet our obligations. God bless and reward all."—Pastor, Salix, Ia.

"Some few months ago you very kindly sent me a first-class relic of little Tekakwitha. I have been promoting her Cause and have been granted a very great personal grace and favor through her intercession as well as remarkable success in my parish to which I was promoted as Pastor just a year ago. We have made remarkable financial progress without any special appeals."

"I also wish to acknowledge a recovery from a case of a ruptured gangrenous appendix, and a reuniting of a husband and wife as well as many other favors. The children in our parochial school are praying for her and we have named one of our parish circles in her honor."

—Pastor, Denver, Col.

"It is my endeavor to work in, in some way or other, some kind of prayers in the novena we are to start here, in honor of Catherine Tekakwitha. Could you forward to me information as to how I might go about this, since she is still a candidate for honors of the altar."—Pastor, Louisville, Ky.

DEVOUTLY TO BE WISHED AND PRAYED FOR

"Enclosed please find an offering to further the Cause of the Canonization of Catherine Tekakwitha, so that Catherine will also help us to advance the Cause of our Mother Frances Schervier. We trust that both will soon be raised to the honors of the altar."

—Sister, Warwick, N. Y.

A TRUE FRIEND

A true friend and promoter of the Cause of Tekakwitha, The Reverend Charles J. Mullaly, of the Society of Jesus, is about to terminate a distinguished service of twenty-five years for his Divine Master. During all that time he has been National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer and League of the Sacred Heart, as well as Editor of *The Messenger of the Sacred Heart*. In spite of frequent serious handicaps of ill-health, and the hardships of the depression he has succeeded not only in sustaining his great work but in enlarging it by establishing new centres of the devotion, beautifying *The Messenger* and increasing circulation. He merits a respite.

Father Mullaly did much to popularize knowledge of Tekakwitha, to introduce her and her Cause to hundreds of thousands, and he was prepared to do much more as the time of her Beatification approaches. Though much in need of rest, he will not cease work, but will direct the young Jesuit students at Wernersville, Pa., in their spiritual formation. May they, through the intercession of the Lily of the Mohawks, be imbued by his spirit and incited to labor in the Lord's vineyard as earnestly as he has done and will always!

"A favorable business transaction."

—Circleville, O.

"I received a favor from Lily of the Mohawks. I promised a Mass for her canonization."

—Kansas City, Mo.

"I had eczema and after a novena, one foot was free from any trace of it, the other foot is much better."

"I had property for sale, anxious to get rid of it. I started a novena, three days after someone got interested, after a few days the property was sold."

—Methuen, Mass.

"Enclosed find ten dollars (\$10.00) for the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha. This is in thanksgiving for temporal favors received through her intercession."—Covington, Ky.

"Kateri Tekakwitha has recently granted me a temporal favor and I am enclosing \$1.00 which I promised to further her Cause. I am deeply grateful to her and I hope I will never forget her generosity to me."

—Baltimore, Md.

"I made a novena to the Servant Katherine that I receive a good position with a good salary so I can pay all my debts. I secured a very good position with the best salary I have ever received. It looks as though I can take care of my debts in the future."

—Portland, Ore.

"Please say a Mass in honor of Catherine Tekakwitha for month of July (6th month) for my intentions. Please be informed that

I placed one of my mortgages on my business in her hands in February and on July 1, 1941, I paid off half of the debt. I trust she will come to my aid and help me finish it by September."

—Oakland, Cal.

"Kateri did come to our aid when we asked her for help in securing a children's ward and already one-half the amount has been donated, the balance to be taken care of by the Ladies' Guild, who have come forward so generously with the first half of the needed funds. Now we are going to repay Kateri a little by the enclosed check and when the balance arrives she will get her due."

—Wenatchee, Wash.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	7	Examination Success	1
Employment	4	Relief in Distress	3
Financial Aid	10	Conversion	1
Temporal Favor	1	Not Specified	36

PETITIONS

Cures	20	Not Specified	31
Employment	5	Relief in Distress	2
Financial Aid	11	Safe Delivery	1
Spiritual and Temporal	2		

Obituary

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. F. Ryan, Jersey City, N. J.
 Rev. M. M. Sheedy, Altoona, Pa.
 Mother Agnes, Kansas City, Mo.
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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.

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