

THE LILY OF

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THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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Beginning Its Sixth Year

This monthly message of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS is now beginning its sixth year. It has endeavored to make known the Servant of God, who has long been honored by this beautiful title, to tell the story of her life, to diffuse as far as possible the fragrance of her virtues, to record the very numerous and the many marvelous favors obtained from Almighty God through her intercession, and to acquaint her countless admirers with the Acts of the Sacred Congregation of Rites in the process it is conducting with a view one day to declaring that she is among the Blessed in Heaven.

This Message, therefore, has been fulfilling its mission of doing honor and of promoting the honor of one who in life found favor with God and who, since her departure from this earth, has given evidence of His favor by many remarkable answers to prayer due to her intercession.

This Message has been doing another service to all who are interested in the Communion of Saints, and what true Christian is not so interested? It has been enabling its readers to follow, step by step, the proceedings of the only tribunal on earth that tries not evil-doing but holiness, that tests the virtues of any Servant of God who is pro-

posed for the special veneration of all the children of God and the value of the opinion of those who in the past have considered, and who now still consider, this special Servant as worthy of the honor of our altars.

What is more, this LILY OF THE MOHAWKS has done a service, which, so far as we can ascertain, has never been done at least in our language. As a Cause for the Canonization of a Servant of God is in process, we learn from the press, secular and religious, news that the Cause has been introduced, that the virtues are considered heroic, that miracles attributed to the Servant of God in question have been approved as such; but what happens to bring about the Introduction of a Cause, how the virtues are scrutinized, how the alleged miracles are investigated, is never told in detail; and yet without knowledge of all this, one cannot estimate the painstaking labor performed by those who are entrusted with the solemn task of seeing that those whom the Church declared Saints are unquestionably worthy of our veneration.

Who, for instance, would know without following this message, that by October 1, every Cardinal member of the Congregation, twenty-three in number, will have a copy of the answers of the advocate for the Cause

of Tekakwitha to the difficulties raised by the Promoter of the Faith concerning her virtues? Who would know that on November 26 the Cardinals will assemble for the second session of the Congregation to discuss whether her virtues were practised to an heroic degree; that the third and final session will be held early next year; that any day now the Apostolic Process on the miracles attributed to the Servant of God will be instituted?

Now let every subscriber for this LILY OF THE MOHAWKS begin its new year by obtaining one or more subscribers. This message is not merely a source of information; its record of heavenly favors due to the invocation of Kateri is an inspiration to pray and receive many blessings.

A FAIR EXCHANGE

"I am placing our school under the guidance of the Lily of the Mohawks, asking for an enrollment of 150 children. I have promised to place her picture in each classroom, and to say the prayer for her Cause each day at morning prayers, if she obtains this favor for us."

—Mobile, Ala.

KATERI NO STRANGER TO ROMANCE

"I also made a novena to Kateri for a good husband. Three days after I was asked to be married by an old friend that I didn't even think was interested in me. To be sure that he was the one that was sent me by her, I made another novena in her honor that if he were the right one to let him write again and to my surprise on the very day I finished my novena I received another letter from him."

—New Orleans, La.

WITH WELCOME TO V. POSTULATOR

"We have a cabin up in the mountain pines and have named it Ka-Te-Ri Lodge, dedicated to Kateri Tekakwitha. Buying it on time, we were months behind in pay-

ments, paying other bills, but Kateri came through and we now have the payments up to date. Enclosed snapshot shows my daughter, Joan, 19, and third youngest son, Peter Joseph, on horses and in the background Kateri's Lodge among the Pines at Evergreen, Colorado, thirty miles from Denver."

—Denver, Col.

AT LAST

To write for children is the most difficult task one can attempt. There is no end of books and pamphlets on Tekakwitha, some of them attempt to interest the very young, but all supposing the young can grasp what really appeals to their elders. Now we have *Tekakwitha*, by Miss Julia Pember, with illustrations by Mother Fiske, Religious of the Sacred Heart. It is attractively printed and published by the Paulist Press, priced at five cents a copy, \$3.50 a hundred. Like all writing that really appeals to children, adults will read it with delight. The Tekakwitha League will fill orders for it.

GRATITUDE IN EARNEST

"I have already received a great favor through her intercession, having been cured of pneumonia lately, though 81 years old. So you can readily see that I am very anxious to become better acquainted with the dear little papoose. When you pray for your missionaries, do, Reverend Father, prolong your petitions in favor of my little Jesuit missionary son, in China since 1927."

AND ON RECEIVING A RELIC

"I was touched to tears by your extreme kindness to me. I have always desired to have Kateri as one of the family, but never expected to have a part of herself. I thank God to have reserved for me amongst the few last joys of my life such a great one."

—Chicago, Ill.

HE HAS ALREADY WRITTEN ABOUT KATERI

"I last wrote to you from Heythrop, Oxford. After one or two unpleasant adventures and two months' traveling, I reached Australia safely some months ago. After a good deal more traveling round this little continent, I am now settled down here to profess Apologetics. However, I expect to get time to do some writing, and it is about that I am writing now. Editors like to have a picture with an article, and I thought you may have something suitable for reproduction that you could send me to go with articles on Kateri.

"Recently I gave a retreat to a Loreto Convent and found they had a flourishing missionary society there, so I introduced Kateri and lent the Sister in charge what articles I had and gave her most of those little sheets you sent over to England to me. Anything else that could be used for 'propaganda' would be welcome—if you have things of that kind for the purpose."

—New South Wales, Australia.

THE MAIN THING

Not the easiest task for one who is promoting a Cause for the Canonization of a Servant of God is to succeed in obtaining a satisfactory report of a cure that is considered miraculous. Medical men are as a rule reasonable. They know they are not expected to pronounce a cure miraculous. All that is requested of them is to give their diagnosis and the manner of treatment, showing that the illness proved to be incurable after all proper medical resources were tried and failed. Others, however, concerned in a cure find it difficult to answer inquiries about it, and the Postulator has finally to give up. Here is an instance: "October 25, 1940, a lady was stricken, anointed, taken to the hospital, kept ten months under supervision, mind and body

apparently lifeless, fed like an animal, when to the surprise of every one, doctor and nurse, she is cured and her health pronounced by her physician 'excellent'—meantime prayer for her recovery was unceasing." The main thing, her friend writes, is that she was cured, cured through prayer, and that she is grateful to God and to His Servant Tekakwitha.

ALL FAVORED AND ALL GRATEFUL

In Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico

Miss Clemenitina Herrera gives thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha for a special favor our Lord granted her through her intercession.

Lawyer Julio Amado Martinez's wife gives thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha for a special favor granted to her. Sent \$1.00 in peso Mexican money as an offering.

A Perpetual Adoration Sister had a brother who was very sick. The Sister was very sorry and prayed to our Lord through Kateri Tekakwitha; now she sends her thanksgiving because her brother has recovered.

Mr. Carlos Aranda and Mrs. Aurora G. de Aranda have a baby, three months old, very sick, and wasted. They made a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha and the little girl is all right. She looks very well, and they are very grateful.

Mrs. Manuelita Calderon de Sales says: "A long time ago I was suffering a painful bronchitis and inflammation under my tongue. I had used many medicines, but did not recover. I got a medal of Kateri Tekakwitha and made a novena asking this favor and now I am perfectly happy, the sickness has disappeared.

"I was exceedingly sorry for a serious trouble between one of my sons and his wife. The marriage was in danger of a fatal conclusion. I prayed to our Lord through Kateri Tekakwitha and it is wonderful what happiness and peace has come into their home. I give my thanksgiving to Kateri and send an offering for her Cause."

"For a favor I received for my daughter, for sale of her husband's property."

—Bethesda, Md.

"Please offer the Holy Sacrifice in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for favors received and for a continuance of her goodness to us."

—Fort Worth, Tex.

"I have been praying for many things and through her intercession with Almighty God have received my requests."—Cincinnati, O.

"This is to thank Catherine for her wonderful work in the recovery of my father who had several strokes. The doctors had given him up. May your wonderful work continue."

—San Antonio, Tex.

"Recently I have received another great favor that I attribute in a very large measure to Tekakwitha's intercession. I am enclosing a thanks offering."

—Ogden, Utah.

"My sister had a wonderful recovery from an infected bone. Spent four years having it treated by good doctors. Then turned to the Lily of the Mohawks and has had a complete recovery."

—Paterson, N. J.

"My husband was out of work, I made a novena to Tekakwitha and on the third day he was called to work and has had work since; that has been three years ago. My petition for his brother's recovery was also granted."

—Louisville, Ky.

"My son is now home and doing fine; for several months his condition was very bad and little hope held for his recovery. I was

not allowed to see him often. Suddenly one day on a visit to the hospital, to my surprise his doctor told me he could go home with me."

—New Orleans, La.

"I had been trying to sell my home for four months with but two prospects and no sale. A friend of mine told me to say the prayer to her and make a promise to distribute her leaflets. Thursday of the same week, the man next door said he would buy it."

—Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

"In April, my sister, taken sick with TB, was sent to the hospital. I made a novena to Kateri. She is home and doing well."

—New Orleans, La.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	4	Examination Success ..	1
Employment	3	Relief in Distress	1
Financial Aid	4	Safe Delivery	1
Sale of Property	1	Apartment Rented	2
Not Specified	26		

PETITIONS

Cures	9	Relief in Distress	3
Employment	3	Spiritual	2
Financial Aid	4	Apartment Rented	1
Not Specified	9		

Obituary

Sister M. Callista, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Very Rev. Francis J. Macelwane, Toledo, O.
 Rev. A. J. Leclerc, Manchester, N. H.
 Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy, Brighton, Mass.
 Rev. John H. Muehlsiepen, Kelso, Mo.
 Rev. A. Zehnder, Clarksville, Ark.
 Rev. Leonard J. Stenger, S.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Sheehan, Victoria, Tex.
 Very Rev. Vincent Schrempp, O.F.M., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. E. B. Schiefen, Kansasville, Wis.
 Rev. A. J. Schaub, R.D., Homestead, Pa.
 Rev. A. M. Rickert, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Rev. E. Paulhan, Pecos, Mexico.

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.

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