

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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### Happy New Year!

Our fervent wish to all our readers. In spite of the horrors of war, and in spite of what is worse, of the men who would upset and, in great measure, destroy the world to satisfy hate or vain ambition, a Happy New Year and every blessing!

The year will be happy for all who are devoted to Tekakwitha, for soon they will be

authorized to hail her as Venerable. They will be made happy also by their confidence in her protection. As all know, so well did she protect not only her tribespeople and their homes, but even also the French, from invasion, that the Bishop of Quebec, when visiting her tomb, soon after her death, proclaimed her Patroness of New France.

### Give Thanks to God!

The second Session of the Congregation of Rites on the virtues of Tekakwitha was all in her favor. Every doubt or difficulty that might have occurred to anyone concerning her virtues was not only successfully met, but disposed of in such a manner as to make these virtues shine with greater luster.

This Session was attended by: His Eminence Cardinal Carlo Salotti, Prefect of the Congregation and Relator of Kateri's Cause; their Eminences, Cardinal Gennaro Granito Pignatelli di Belmonte, Cardinal Allesandro Verde, Cardinal Raffaello Rossi, O.C.D., and Cardinal Ermenegildo Pellegrinetti; Monsignor Alfonso Carinci, Secretary of the Congregation; Monsignor Salvatore Natucci, Promoter General of the Faith, and other officials of the Congregation. The Rev. Carlo Miccinelli, S.J., Postulator of the Cause, was at the disposal of the Congregation if some explanation was necessary.

As in the first Session, the Promoter of the Faith submitted such objections as had occurred to him and others and these were answered by the Relator General of the Cause and its Patron, or Advocate. The objections were based on difficulties more apparent than real. Without being present, one can imagine how some would want to know fully about the historical value of the documents in the case; why the Servant of God had to wait so long for Baptism; how without a very special grace she could have lived so pure in such degraded surroundings, and so on.

All such questions are now settled. The proofs that her virtues were heroic were eminently satisfactory, and this conclusion of the Congregation has been accepted by the Holy Father. Soon he will announce it solemnly in a third Session of the Congregation and then we shall invoke Tekakwitha as Venerable.

## War-time Prayers

Moved as we all are, in times of danger, to redouble our prayers, it is well to know the prayers of the Church for peace and in war:

### IN TIME OF WAR

O God, Who bringest war to nought and overcomest by Thy powerful protection the enemies of those who hope in Thee, help Thy servants imploring Thy mercy, that overcoming the fierceness of our enemies we may praise Thee with unfailing thanksgiving. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end. S. Amen.

### FOR PEACE

O God, the author and lover of peace, to know Whom is to live; to serve Whom is to

reign; protect Thy suppliants from all assaults; that we who confide in Thy defense may fear no hostile arms. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end. S. Amen.

### FOR PROTECTION

Visit, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this home, and from it drive far the snares of the enemy. May Thy Holy Angels linger herein to keep us in peace; and may Thy blessing be ever upon us. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God world without end. S. Amen.

## Iniquity Overreaches Itself

Strange how Tekakwitha came into the picture of the American Revolution! One of the primary causes of this Revolution, one that strongly roused the colonies to revolt against England, was the Quebec Act. By this Act the British Government guaranteed religious freedom in Canada when that country became a British colony in 1759.

Since the white inhabitants of Canada were at that time practically all Catholics, as were also many of its 'Redskins,' the prevailing religious elements in our colonies, for the most part Protestant, were loud in denouncing the British Government for favoring Popery across our borders.

It is unbelievable in our day, how bitter was the feeling aroused by this Act. Pulpit and press were loud in condemning it; all sorts of organizations were formed to agitate for its repeal; men who are now regarded as among the statesmen of that time considered it a menace; even the Continental Congress

consented to submit it as one of the grievances against King and Parliament.

Priests and people in Canada came in for abuse and misrepresentation. As we know, the missionaries there had converted many Indians and held them steadfast in their religion. This was eighty years after the death of Tekakwitha. All unwittingly, the anti-Catholic element was witness to the reputation of the Indian Maiden for holiness.

The success of the missionaries in imposing "the superstitious rites and fantastic trumperies of popery" on the simple children of the forest was ascribed to flattery and to the natural fondness of the Indian for "a showy and mechanical religion." An instance of this play on vanity and catering to the genius of the Indian mind was found in "their canonizing a squaw by the name of Saint Catharine, which piece of jesuitical craft greatly endeared the Romish faith to the pagans who by that great means, besides the common benefit of addressing their prayers to

the rest of the saints in the calendar, obtained the supernumerary advantages of a particular advocate and intercessor of their own."

—METZGER, *The Quebec Act*.

In the study of the documents pertaining to Tekakwitha by members of the Congregation of Rites the above citation was considered, but it was soon discarded when the V. Postulator made known that the author of it was a bigotted politician.

#### TRIBUTES FROM HER OWN

"In fulfilment of a promise made I am sending \$5.00 to help Kateri's Cause along. I have been able to add a new classroom to my little school. Our children—Papagos, Yaguis and Mexicans—are ardent supporters and pray for the Cause daily. Our new classroom is dedicated to her. Would appreciate it if you could send a suitable picture."

—Tucson, Ariz.

#### BEAUTIFULLY PATHETIC

"I have a dear little shut-in at home who has heart trouble and she is working very hard to help towards Kateri Tekakwitha's canonization. I had the pleasure of going to her shrine and I feel grateful for this privilege. Gertrude has asked me to give you these Indian-head pennies. One hundred pennies for a Mass for her health in Tekakwitha's honor and fifty pennies toward her canonization. She will be sending you more as she receives them. She asked me to tell you how she gets them. She has been contacting all her friends and the response has been so wonderful that Gertrude is very happy about it. Please remember Gertrude in your prayers. She is a darling girl and has had much help through her prayers to Tekakwitha."

—Chicago, Ill.

[So we say: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. How frequently the young when physically afflicted are spiritually enlightened.—ED.]

#### ANOTHER KATERI UNIT

"Your letter of the ninth reached me. I am very grateful for the material you sent on Tekakwitha. I organized a Mission Unit here at the Academy last year with the primary grades. We took for our patroness, Kateri, although she is not yet a Saint, but we thought since we are working for the Indian Missions she would be very appropriate. We hope to reorganize in November and do the same kind of work. The members promised Kateri last year if they could raise \$100 during the entire year they would send you five dollars to help along her Cause. In June the members had raised \$108. So we are keeping our promise and are enclosing five dollars. During the past summer we offered a bedspread as a prize and promised \$1.00 if we made \$20.00. We have already realized \$29.00 and the time for awarding has not yet expired. We no doubt will make \$50.00. We pray every day for Kateri; I tell them all I know about her. They all, as well as myself, have great devotion to her. With the Mission funds we are building a shrine of Kateri at our nearby Indian Mission. She no doubt will grant many blessings on the zealous Fathers who work so faithfully with the Indians. It will be well for the Indians to learn something about her. During the past summer another Sister and I spent a month contacting the Indians around this part of the state. We visited their homes and tried to teach them some religion. I met Sister Patricia during the summer. She had visited Canada and seen the relics of Kateri. She thought perhaps she could obtain a first-class relic for me to use out among the Indians and these children. Father, you surely are doing a wonderful work with Kateri's Canonization. We will pray for you every day that we visit the church and pray to the dear little Indian girl. Praying God to hasten her canonization."—SISTER ANNE RITA, O.S.U., Waterflow, N. Mex.



"I am enclosing this amount as *ex-voto* I made if I regained my health, which I have through Kateri Tekakwitha."

—Provincetown, Mass.

"We offer thanks to God through Kateri Tekakwitha for help given us in raising money to renew the roof on our Academy."

—Sprague, Wash.

"The favor was granted, and I firmly believe she was our intercessor. We implored her so fervently, and have her little image in our home."

—Kansas City, Mo.

"Enclosed is a small offering for the cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, to whom I am grateful for various financial favors received. I promised to offer a novena for the furtherance of her cause if she would help us in our financial difficulties. This year we have received \$850 from various sources."

—Brawley, Cal.

"I first heard about Blessed Kateri about a year ago. Things were very bad for me, so I made a supplication to Blessed Kateri for financial help and I was answered immediately. Since then I have continued to pray to Blessed Kateri and not only have my prayers been answered for what I asked for, but I have had plenty of work with money to pay for everything and I have now money on hand to take care of immediate obligations."

—Chicago, Ill.

"My husband, who was very ill, had been poisoned at the Defence Industries, Ltd., in Valleyfield, and had been given up by the

doctors. I asked for some literature on Kateri Tekakwitha and you told me about Caughnawaga in your letter. Well, I started a novena asking Kateri to help us as we were in great need. I had hardly started this novena when there was a big difference in my husband. One day he had to report at the hospital and he came back home telling me, 'Well, I have changed jobs.' He seemed in better spirits and kept getting better all the time. Now he is cured and, like a new man; he says he feels better now than he has for the past ten years."

—St. Timothie, Prov. Quebec, Canada.

"First we were in business and were in danger of losing everything. Through prayers to Kateri, we sold the business and my husband got a very good position. Everything was going well when my husband became ill and had to have an emergency operation. The expense was terrific. I began praying to Kateri for financial aid. My husband's salary in full was sent to him regularly for the time he did not work."

—Santa Cruz, Cal.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	9	Sale of Property .....	2
Employment .....	1	Safe Delivery .....	1
Financial Aid .....	7	Spiritual and	
Relief in Distress .....	3	Temporal .....	3
Not Specified .....	30		

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	7	Relief in Distress .....	2
Financial Aid .....	7	Examination .....	1
Not Specified .....	12		

#### Obituary

Marjorie A. Campbell, Bennington, Vt.  
Miss Mary V. Corr, Boston, Mass.  
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