

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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HEAVEN IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Always a timely subject, heaven is of pressing interest to all who are concerned with the state of one whom we believe to be there and whose presence there we are trying to establish by having the Church declare she is among the Blessed.

No matter how depraved the Mohawks were in Tekakwitha's day, they had some belief in life after death here. With their dead they buried food to sustain them on the journey into unknown regions and also the trinkets which they had held dear in mortal life.

Indeed, one of the strong points of the missionaries in appealing for a hearing of the truths of Christianity was to emphasize this belief in a hereafter and the state, whether of happiness or of unhappiness, in which the departed must exist.

For Tekakwitha heaven was a reality, a place of dwelling with God, with His Divine Son, with the Holy Spirit and with the Blessed Mother, the Angels and Saints and she looked forward in the innocence of her heart, as the prayer in the Mass 'To Us Sinners' expresses it, to a part in it and to fellowship with God's holy ones there, not be-

cause of her merits, but through God's mercy.

The Servant of God could not assist at Mass, and at more than one Mass every morning, without coming to know how the Church speaks of our true country "whither we are journeying"; and the missionaries would not fail to insist on this knowledge.

The norm, or rule, of prayer is the norm of faith, and the prayers of the Church in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are the model of prayer. All through the year, heaven enters into these prayers, the Collects, Secrets, Postcommunions, as they are called, and we are bidden to pray for it in such terms as: eternal life, blessed eternity, everlasting life, glory everlasting, kingdom of heaven, its heavenly delights, eternal promises, heavenly rewards, everlasting joys, eternal salvation, our part, or grace, in the Resurrection, immortality, life and light eternal.

In such terms it occurs in the Mass during Lent, and in other terms during other seasons, Advent, Christmas-tide, Easter and Pentecost, and every such term should set us thinking and desiring, and praying.

WAR-TIME SELF-DENIAL

So the world about us is in for self-denial. Up to now it has always been a Christian code. Christ said: "If anyone would follow Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." Self-denial was scoffed at as a practice of what is called asceticism, a hard saying; but now the State steps in and

begins to impose self-denial in many things the Christian's religion would never even counsel. And the motive of it all is *not* to follow Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, but to preserve a so-called way of life, the way of self-indulgence, of living, *not* by the spirit, but by material excess.

THE MIRACLE OF TEKAKWITHA

"It is a miracle when a Christian perseveres in the country of the Iroquois." Thus wrote Father Claude Chauchetière, for thirty-four years a missionary who knew the Iroquois well. And thus also spoke a leading member of the Congregation of Rites when there was question of submitting a proposal to consider the possible beatification

of Tekakwitha. "Her life was *the* miracle," he exclaimed. Previously he had found fault with the excess of austerities; but when he studied more carefully the depravity of the Indians, he wondered how she could live so pure; and when he came to realize how cruel her tribesmen were, he ceased to wonder at her self-inflicted penances.

THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS

(Dedicated to Reverend John J. Wynne, S. J.)

At Auriesville a maiden simple-wise
In virtue clothed has lived for God alone.
Among the trees her sylvan altars rise;
Before her prie-dieu, there Faith's taper shone.
Upon the silence-covered altar-stone
She placed her bleeding heart and violet flower.
While linnet's carols rang in clearest tone,—
With angels near, she spent her Holy Hour.

Today a new orion shines on high
That will forever light the martyr's land
Where bloomed that marvelous flower, worldly-shy,
Bearing the priceless mark of Xavier's band.
For God so loved that beauteous precious flower
He plucked the Lily from its earthly bower!

SISTER FRANCIS MARIE, S.C.L.,
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Leavenworth, Kan.

ATTRACTIVE TO ALL

"I am not a Catholic, but I love the Catholic Church, and I promise when I find work to send money to help Tekakwitha's Cause."

—Chicago, Ill.

THE INFANT'S MITE

"According to our curriculum of studies, I taught my pupils about the pure life of the 'Lily of the Mohawks.' Their eyes turned with a holy awe to the picture which is an ornament of our classroom. When they learned that Kateri is going to be called a Saint, but that the case needs financial help, they began to drop, once in a while, a penny on my desk, saying, 'For that girl there.' In this way we saved fifty cents which we turned into stamps and enclose in this letter."

—Lansford, Pa.

PASTORS HONOR HER

"I have a stained-glass window of Katherine Tekakwitha in my new church to be opened at Easter."

—Willimansett, Mass.

"She has obtained several requests for me, and when she finishes a few more difficult jobs, she'll get some more for her Cause."

—Evansville, Ind.

"The favor was granted completely yesterday. It was something my bishop was at first opposed to. I prayed to Katherine. She led him to change his mind, I suppose."

—La Fargeville, N. Y.

"Cure of a young boy, 14 years of age, in my parish, whose life was despaired of and frankly given up by the doctors. He is in fine health today. She is constantly helping me both in spiritual matters and temporal."

—Denver, Col.

"I had a position but it didn't bring me enough money weekly to get back onto my feet, because most of it had to go into the payment of debts. Then more debts piled up. At the time I heard of Kateri I had the

idea for a novel. I said a little prayer to her to intercede for me to help me make it good enough to sell. Apparently she did—for in two weeks I had written 70,000 words; in another two weeks I had rewritten it and on the day before Christmas I received a check for \$2,000 for serial rights. It was the first lengthy piece of writing I had ever completed successfully, the first I had ever sold. The money was enough to pay off all my debts and get me back to a point where my weekly salary was enough to cover my obligations. On top of that I got a raise."

—Port Washington, L. I.

THANKSGIVING TO OUR LORD FOR FAVORS
RECEIVED THROUGH THE INTERCESSION
OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA

*(With Offerings for Her Cause in
Mexican Money)*

Mrs. V. C., gives thanks to Our Lord for a grace.

Miss M. R., gives thanks to Our Lord for two graces.

Mrs. L. de M., gives thanks for two special graces.

Mrs. U., gives thanks for recovery from a serious sickness.

Mrs. I. R. de R. says: "For long time I was troubled by a bad neighbor. A friend of mine told me about the Lily of the Mohawks. Then I got a leaflet and medal of her and a few days after this, bad neighbor moved and I had peace."

The younger son of Mrs. C. A. was long ill. She put a Kateri medal on him and he soon recovered. "His cheeks are red and happy, and he kisses the medal, saying: 'Tekakwitha! My Tekawitha!'"

A relative of one of our Sisters, a medical student, had not enough money to pay when ready for his degree. His family, young and old, made a novena and soon everything was arranged favorably.

—Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico.

"My daughter asked her for a certain job and she got it."
—Greeley, Kan.

"I have received many prompt favors from this little Servant of God and I hope she will soon be raised to the altar."
—Wytheville, Va.

"I had prayed for the recovery of my sister and promised publication, so I was advised to write you about it; my sister was very sick, but she's very well now."
—Caughnawaga, Canada.

"Enclosed please find \$1.00 towards Catherine Tekakwitha's canonization for a favor granted. This is the second favor I received. Thanks to the little 'Lily of the Mohawks.'"
—Minneapolis, Minn.

"My husband had a chemical T.B. test and it proved positive. As I had read the life of saintly Kateri, I called her 'blessed' Kateri of the Mohawks and I prayed to her every day and asked her that it should not prove to be T.B."
—Greeley, Kan.

"One of our Sisters was hurt in an automobile accident. The doctor was very anxious that the bruise on her hip would respond to treatment. A novena was started to this little Servant of God and everything turned out satisfactory. The doctor said, 'Someone must be praying hard for this patient.'"
—Kirkwood, Mo.

"My work kept me away from my baby and I was very unhappy. It made me sick to think I could see no way out. I prayed

with faith to Kateri Tekakwitha and after several months had passed, I got a job with good pay, a good future and with good hours which enables me to spend a great deal of time giving attention to my baby. I am so grateful, I will never forget Catherine."
—Plaquemine, La.

"My husband received a much better position, enabling us to pay some of our debts. Then, I have the healthy, happy children, two boys."
—Cincinnati, O.

"For unexpected progress in a good cause, for which a good sum of money is needed, and overcoming also the reluctance of the manufacturers to proceed with it."
—New York.

"Conversion, marriage fixed, position, return to church."
—Memphis, Tenn.

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PETITIONS

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Employment	2	Relief in Distress	1
Financial Aid	4	Not Specified	22

Obituary

Mrs. Joseph L. Melody, New York, N. Y.
Mr. Daniel J. Callaghan, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Dominick Henry, New York, N. Y.
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