

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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Concerning the virtues of a Servant of God who is proposed for canonization, the Congregation of Rites holds three sessions in order to ascertain and scrutinize everything that can be brought forward to prove or disprove their excellence.

For Tekakwitha two of these sessions have already been held and after each of them the Congregation issued its *Positio*, i.e., a volume containing the claims for the excellence of the virtues and the objections that might be submitted to show that they were not above the ordinary. As each claim and each objection is examined and refuted in detail, the two volumes are quite large.

The Third Session is to be held this month with unusual formalities, since the Holy Father is to be present in order to pass judgment on the findings of all three sessions and particularly of this third and final one. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

His Holiness appoints the day for the Session, June 9, in this case. Before attending it he reviews all that has been done in the previous sessions. He may not agree with the findings of the Congregation, and if he does not, the Cause is closed; but if in his judgment the excellence of the virtues has been established and should be proclaimed, he bids his Secretary to draft a Decree to this effect, and he appoints the day for its promulgation. Then the formalities begin.

These formalities are simple, but very impressive. Without ceremony they show how deeply impressed are all concerned in the Cause of the Servant of God Tekakwitha.

On the day assigned by the Holy Father, meeting in the court of the Apostolic Palace, or other place appointed, are the Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, the Cardinal in charge of the Cause, the Secretary of the Congregation, the Promoter of the Faith, and the substitute Secretary and Sub-promoter. Others also present are those who are invited by the Postulator of the Cause, among them its supporters or promoters, its Advocate and Procurator.

On the arrival of the Sovereign Pontiff with his noble court attendants, the audience is grouped about him as the Secretary in loud-voice reads the Decree. The reading finished, the Postulator expresses thanks to His Holiness, who graciously responds.

On a silver tray twelve ornate copies of the Decree are then presented to the Holy Father and, copies without ornament, to the Cardinals present. Everything is prescribed, the size and quality of the paper, the white and gold-fringed ribbon binding the gilt margined Decrees for the Holy Father, the purple and gold-fringed ribbon for the Cardinals, and the plainer forms for others present.

Then the Decree is affixed to the walls of the designated churches in Rome and when thus made public, the Servant of God is styled Venerable.

AS FATHER JOGUES WOULD TELL IT

"I started to visit a little over two years ago a group of pagan Indians, and practically every month I go there; have devotions and sermon in the evening, and Mass the following morning. They are located at the border of Michigan and Wisconsin, at Lac Vieuse Desert, and are Ojibways and Chipewas.

"At my visit in December, after the Mass, an Indian (this one is a Catholic) told me that a child was born just before the Mass, was very sick, and was not expected to live, and that it would be good if I could go and visit the child, as well as some other sick. Before leaving, I went over to the house indicated. The child was lying on her mother's bed, moaning and seeming to suffer; some other women were there, among them the sister of the medicine man: all of them pagans. I began to talk about baptism, that it would be good to baptize the child before its death. No reaction. They did not understand the meaning of it. Then I thought about the relic of Kateri which I have always with me, together with the relics of Our Martyrs, and St. Theresa. My relic is a piece of bone which Father Gagnieur had for many years, and which he had asked to be given to me after his death. He had it on

him when he died. I took my relic, and showed it to those pagans, explaining that it was a piece of bone from an Indian maid, who was holy and now in Heaven. I told them that I would ask Kateri to make the child better. I applied the relic on the child, and prayed, asking Kateri to grant that favor, because that would mean so much to bring those pagans to the Catholic religion. Then I left, but all the way along driving my car, I continued to pray to our Kateri. The following month when I came back, my first question, coming to the Indian village, was to ask about the child. I heard, with gratitude to Kateri, that the child was very well, and so the people attribute the cure to what I did. One evening the mother came with her baby to the prayers—and the school teacher, who is a Catholic, was telling me that the people attribute that cure, and another case, to the Catholic religion. The medicine man himself was saying that the Catholic priest was all right, but that they did not care for the Protestant preachers. He said also that he would not object if any wanted to become Catholics. All this shows that gradually something is done. The great obstacle to the conversion of those people is drinking."

—St. Ignace, Mich.

THIS FROM NEBRASKA

Well, we had a flood caused by five inches of rain and two dams breaking, and I and my husband were in the water holding on to a tree for almost three hours; after praying to Kateri Tekakwitha and promising publication, it didn't seem long until we could see the water receding and felt that God would save us.

FROM FAR-OFF SEATTLE

A few years ago I was miraculously cured of blindness, a paralyzed face, etc. I am very sure it was due to the medal of Kateri

Tekakwitha that my Catholic nurse asked to place on me. This I wore as long as I was in the hospital or for nearly three months. She also said the prayer with me each day. One of the doctors told me later that neither he, nor any of the other doctors and surgeons believed I would ever recover the use of nerves in my face, but I did and therefore I am very sure she heard our prayers.

KATERI IN MONTANA

Do you remember the man here in Great Falls, father of one of our Sisters, whose leg had been broken so many times and whose

bones refused to knit after months of effort? The novena last year in honor of Kateri won him a perfect example of bone healing after the leg had been regrafted. He walks without crutches to the wonder of all.

AGAIN GREAT FALLS

I had an uncle living with me (in Great Falls) for about eighteen years who was a Lutheran by birth, but as far as I know he never went to church for personal worship. He was anti-Catholic. I know now he had a very tender heart, but he was so hard on the outside. He was very sick for about a year with cancer and died a year ago, April 10. I prayed all during Lent to the Lily of the Mohawks to let him die a happy death in the eyes of the Lord. The night before he died, Father Treacy spent forty-five minutes with him, and when he came downstairs he said, "You do not need to worry about your uncle's soul."

AND ONCE AGAIN AT GREAT FALLS

Yesterday, an unexpected caller was the head police officer for the West in the Indian Service. He is an old friend of the work, and brought an officer from the Crow Reservation near here, and a Blackfoot Indian who is an officer on his reservation. It was my first acquaintance with Indians of this section since I have been so circumscribed in my contacts with them. Mr. Mueller, the chief officer, is not a Catholic, but he began a cross-examination on Tekakwitha. Said he had read that "the Holy Father at Rome was going to honor her in June" and he wondered if her name was the name for our club. Neither of the other officers had heard of Kateri, so I piled it on. You should have seen the eyes of the Blackfoot fairly glow. He is a fine Catholic, I have heard.

AND STILL GREAT FALLS

Our little Indian saint has taken care of Isabelle. She made the novena when she re-

ceived your letter. Just that was a miracle, and Saturday we received a message that Isabelle was almost herself. For a while I thought my heart and soul just couldn't stand any more, and when I started the novena it just seemed a load was taken by some one off my heart. We will do all that we can to spread and learn more of our little Indian saint, as I do believe it will not be long before the Church will recognize her great love for Our Lord. So you see that Isabelle was practically well when we completed our novena. Yes! I will always pray to Tekakwitha. Isabelle's cure is the greatest happiness I could ever be given.—HER MOTHER.

TO KATERI, HIS LAST TRIBUTE

Clients of Kateri in Massachusetts, and they are not few, may recall reading a page in the *Boston Sunday Post*, of February 15, on "The Lily of the Mohawks," with a large picture of her in colors. It was so well done that we keep it with all our Tekakwitha material. It was the last work of the writer, Leo J. Rabbette, and it was a task of real devotion on his part. Already ill when writing it, he had to give up after finishing it, and he departed this life on April 27. For his eternal rest and reward our readers will not fail to pray.

THE GLORY OF THEIR RACE

Very naturally Kateri's own people venerate one whom they consider the glory of their race, and some day soon, it is hoped, that we shall have her life story written by one of them, as it would appeal to them coming from Indian to Indians. Recently we sent to the priest and sister in charge at each of the Indian Missions in the United States a large sized picture of her, prayer card, sketches of her Life and copies of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS, for distribution among their tribes; in all 155 packages, 109 to priests, 46 to sisters.

"The enclosure is in fulfillment of a promise for a favor granted through her intercession."
—Arvada, Colo.

"Enclosed please find \$5.00 for blessings and favors received, to be used for her Cause."
—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Enclosed you will find two dollars I am sending in thanksgiving for favors I have received."
Covington, Ky.

"For cure of a Sister, who hovered between life and death for days. Two dollars for leaflets containing the list of Favors Attributed to Tekakwitha."
—Covington, Ky.

"Enclosed you will find a money order for \$3.00 in thanksgiving for employment for my husband, with a prayer for his health and safety on the road."
—Union Mills, Ill.

"One dollar is from the Mission Circle to which I belong praying for financial success for a card party for a colored mission in Alabama."
—Cincinnati, O.

"Catherine has come through once more in our behalf, so here's fulfillment of our promise. Our 125 school children at my San Jose Mission pray for her Cause daily."
—Tucson, Ariz.

"Thanksgiving for the return of money (\$2,500) that had been loaned without requiring legal form calling for repayment, and which was refused when first asked for."
—Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"For the second time in a grave crisis prayer to her has brought me peace."
—Manitowoc, Wis.

"I promised an offering and publication if my prayers to Kateri were answered in securing a good position and being exempt of all blame in an accident, which happened in Santa Monica, Cal."
—Wahoo, Neb.

"Kindly publish thanks for cure of severe illness of a new client of hers, and for me many temporal and spiritual favors—peace in home, money, good spirit shown on big occasion, and many more."
—Ponce, Puerto Rico.

"I feel sure that through her intercession my request has been partially granted. My brother has been cured considerably, and myself, told about two months ago of having a heart ailment, am improving."
—Butte, Mont.

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