

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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AND NOW A TEKAKWITHA CABIN

Tekakwitha lived in a cabin. Her people were called Cabin Indians, because they were the only Redmen who built something like what we call homes; others were satisfied with tepees or cone-shaped tents.

The Mohawk cabins were fairly well constructed with walls of stout young trees bent over to form an arch roof and covered with bark, usually of the birch tree. There were no windows, and for doors skins were used. On either side of a central passage were the berths for sleeping, and along the passage were fires for heating and cooking, stifling and blinding occupants with the smoke curling to vents in the roof.

It would be hard, and it would not be desirable, to reproduce one of these cabins as they were in Tekakwitha's day; but it is most desirable to have in her memory and at her birthplace a cabin erected on the same lines to contain the many things that tell the story of her life; the veneration in which she has ever been, and still is, held, and an account of the Process in Rome for her beatification and canonization.

A Tekakwitha Cabin is actually in course of erection at her birthplace, Ossernenon, now Auriesville. Pilgrims to this Shrine of the Martyrs there, the Saints Jogues, Goupil

and Lalande, will be astonished and delighted to see in it a display of Tekakwitha Memorials: copies of her life by her spiritual advisers, a copy of her portrait by one of them; books written about her and pamphlets from the time she died until now; pictures, statuettes, plays, pageants; above all, the documents that have been used by the Congregation of Rites in studying her holiness, and the Decrees signed by His Holiness which are the result of the Congregation's deliberations.

Is there anything like it anywhere? No. Attractive as the shrine is, this cabin and its contents will be an added attraction. Fortunately, although the Mohawk cabins were rude they were not without an outline of beauty of their own, and this the Tekakwitha Cabin will reproduce and refine. Until we can build a chapel in her honor at her birthplace, as will be done after she will be named Blessed and Saint, this cabin will be like a repository because of its precious contents. It may be heated also and used for assistants at Mass in the fall and winter seasons. It will not be elaborate nor costly, but gifts from her clients to help make it worthy of her will be very welcome. They will be a tribute to her now that she has her new title, Venerable.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

"Recently I was successful in passing 2d Grade Clerk Examination, which means a substantial increase in salary. I promised Kateri Tekakwitha that if I was successful, I would send you a check to further her Cause."
—Norwich, Conn.

"Several spiritual and temporal favors have been granted me—important business has been settled and employment found for a worthy case. Several other things, which I call miraculous. In thanksgiving I had the leaflet translated into Spanish and several hundred distributed here in Puerto Rico."
—Ponce, Puerto Rico.

"I have been somewhat slow in answering your plea for help. I have had many favors that I can attribute only to Kateri, in fact, I must confess she is more prompt in answering my prayers than I am in answering your plea. At present I am placing my faith in her to find me a teacher for a vocational school, which I hope to have ready for September. So many men have been called to defense jobs and with such good salaries that I feel it is humanly impossible to find a teacher unless I have such powerful and interested help as Kateri's; do tell her not to fail me; I know that she must listen to one, who is doing such heroic work for her Cause."
—Pastor, Ville Platte, La.

"This is to certify that the young lady in room 341 had spinal meningitis, and her recovery was doubtful. This Catholic girl, fifteen years old, was brought in at 3.15 a.m. Sunday morning, one of the worst cases of meningitis we have had, and at 7.30 a.m. I gave Sister a medal of Kateri Tekakwitha to pin on the mattress; it was impossible to pin it on her gown, as she had to be held in bed and wouldn't keep anything on, she was so irrational. On Monday morning the doctors told her parents there was no hope for her, and for three days she was 'wild,' nothing

seemed to quiet her or give her rest, but she made a good recovery. She was confined in the hospital sixteen days, and was up walking around for three days before she went home. All thanks to Blessed Kateri.

"P.S.—I am begging her now to release 150 Priests imprisoned in Russia."
—St. Anthony's Hospital, Dodge City, Kan.

FROM MEXICO

"Mr. and Mrs. A., for recovering farms.

"Mrs. Carmen de C., for a special grace.

"Mrs. Luz G. de M., for selling a house.

"Miss Magdalena R., for a special favor.

"I asked Kateri for a house without rent for our school, because our girls are poor and we could not get the money, \$80.00, for rent. The second day after my request a priest called to give us a house for our school, free of payment. It was a great surprise. Kateri did it. Glory to the Lily of the Mohawks."
—Irapuato, Gto.

A PRAYER AND AN ANSWER

"My daughter expects to be received in the Holy Family Motherhouse. She is hoping to be named Sister Kateri."

Later: "She is now Sister Kateri and is quite sure that Kateri's interest in the novena made in her honor brought us a great blessing. Father, her father came back to the church after being away nearly twenty years."
—North Hollywood.

ONE OF KATERI'S OWN PEOPLE

"I had leg trouble which lasted about eight months and then one day the priest came and prayed, applying the relic of Kateri Tekakwitha to my limb. I believe it helped me, so I want to acknowledge it."
—Neah Bay, Wash.

AND ANOTHER

"I am enclosing one dollar from one of our poor Indians to help you with your work in making Tekakwitha better known.

"If you have the time you might drop a line to this Indian girl. Her name is Miss Jennie P., Pagate, New Mexico. She gave the dollar with a promise to give more when she gets it because she thinks that Tekakwitha helped her. A few years ago I received a relic from you and gave it to her. She had tuberculosis of the bone in her hand and the doctor thought that the hand would have to 'come off.' Jennie has worn the relic ever since and while she went to the T.B. sanatorium for treatments, very little treatment was given to her. Still she was released some time ago and her hand declared cured. She firmly believes that Tekakwitha did it.

"Miss Jennie is a very good Indian girl. At present she is President of our Tekakwitha Club at Pagate and is also a lay Catechist. She is one of the best Indian women I know in all these nine missions. Our Tekakwitha Club at Pagate is a great help to us in our work. I think I can safely say that they were responsible for every improvement made in the church there during the past eight years, and Jennie was one of the principal workers when she was able.

"While this is a very small donation I think the spirit in which it is given will be pleasing to the Lord. Wishing you all success in your wonderful work, I am."

—Old Laguna Mission, New Mex.

FROM THE CAMPS

"See if I can have this by Saturday as my boy and a couple of others are going to the Army Monday morning and I will like to give them the leaflet prayers."

—A Mother, Philadelphia.

"I wish to give heartfelt thanks for my son in passing his examinations for his degree and commission. All seemed so doubtful until the very last." —San Francisco.

"Today is 'Mothers' Day' and this morning about two hundred Catholic boys from our regiment received Holy Communion in

a body and then attended a Communion breakfast in honor of our mothers on this wonderful 'Mothers' Day.' I don't think I told you, Frank, but until last week I hadn't received Communion for a few years. I went last week and today. From now on I'm going to go once a month. Praying to Tekakwitha has already helped me to go to Communion after being away from it so long. I showed some of the boys the medals and they liked them and would like one. So, Frank, you can send me fifty and if I need more I'll let you know."—Camp Shelby, Miss.

"I have a son in the Army who has been ill. We wanted very badly for many reasons to have him get home for a few hours. Every time that he thought he'd get a pass, something would prevent it. I had asked Catherine Tekakwitha in the beginning of the week to help and things looked promising at first. On my return from church that evening my brother told me that my son had just phoned from Washington that he had left duties in Virginia four hours before and would reach home at 1.30 a.m. You can understand my happiness—he came! Catherine Tekakwitha did not let me down. The strain on us American mothers is terrible, but the Martyrs will help me to stand it."

—Jersey City.

HOW THE GOOD WORD GOES ROUND

"Some time ago a non-Catholic friend gave me a leaflet of Tekakwitha and since then I have prayed to her." —Wilkinsburg, Pa.

"As thanks for the healing of her husband's thumb badly cut at his work. She said Tekakwitha never lets her down. She (not Catholic) sure has faith."—Cincinnati.

"While visiting a friend I had a leaflet given me about Kateri Tekakwitha—for probably ten years I had heard of her, but never anything definite. I am thrilled and want to learn more about her; I want to adopt her as my patron." —Columbia, Pa.

CURES, ETC.

"Enclosed find one dollar for the Cause of Kateri sent in by a lady who said her brother-in-law was cured of cancer after a novena to Kateri."

—Leavenworth, Kan.

"My son had acute appendicitis with whooping cough. The doctors were afraid to operate. I asked Kateri to help us. He is well again and later will be operated on."

—Marion, O.

"Sixteen years ago I underwent an operation. The wound healed but soon reopened. Thank God the wound is at last closed and doctor says my condition is one hundred per cent. normal."

—Brooklyn.

"One of our Sisters went to the hospital last October with tuberculosis. Many prayers were said for her return to health; publication was promised if she were back by the time Kateri became Venerable. She was well and back just before that."

—Regina, Saskatchewan.

"My son has one bad eye and when taking an examination for a good position he passed with everything but his eyes and was asked to return the following day. That night I promised Tekakwitha something if he passed. He came through with flying colors the next day."

—Adams, Mass.

"Some time ago my sister was in a serious condition and the doctor told her she might have to have an operation. I made a novena to Tekakwitha. The day she went back to the hospital she was so much improved an operation was not necessary."

—Durango, Co'o.

FAVORS, FINANCIAL, ETC.

"For the favor I received by praying to Kateri Tekakwitha for a certain position."

—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Please find enclosed \$4.00 as a token of gratitude for financial help, obtained several times through the prayers of the Venerable Kateri."

—Eunice, La.

"Sale of property—new location for all concerned, success and safety of a pilot in training, special favors for my husband and two daughters, married daughter and son."

—San Francisco.

"I had to have some dental work done and had no money to pay for it, so I prayed to Catherine Tekakwitha for financial aid, and she presented my petition to God. When the work was done I had the \$95 to pay the dentist."

—Canton, O.

"On two occasions I was in slight financial difficulties; Catherine helped me here. Again I was troubled with a severe case of neuralgia of the face, while a friend had leg pains—both of which were relieved upon use of silk relic of Catherine."—Michigan City.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

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PETITIONS

Cures	13	Property Sale	1
Financial Aid	11	Employment	2
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Obituary

Mother M. St. George, Spokane, Wash.
Anna Lee Camp, Reno, Nev.

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