

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## OUR SEVENTH YEAR

October opens Volume VII of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. In her day the month was not yet dedicated to Rosary devotions, but none the less telling her beads was one of her devout pastimes; and often she recited her Hail Marys barefooted in the snow. How different nowadays when they are repeated in the shelter of the chapel or the home, though quite frequently one sees the beads in use by people on a journey or even in the busy streets of a city. Once this writer saved a pair from falling out of the coat pocket of a

man on a ferry-boat. "Oh," the owner exclaimed, "I would not part with their company for anything"; and we both agreed they were the best of company, keeping us in mind of the one 'full of grace.'

After Kateri's example we shall keep in mind the Blessed Mother and her Rosary as the month and year roll on, and make this October a month of prayer, invoking the Queen of Peace through her Venerable Servant Tekakwitha to keep us secure from our enemies and bring about the war's end.

## THE VENERABLE

That Tekakwitha had persevered in practicing virtue heroically, thereby meriting veneration, was from the time of her death the conviction of all who had lived with her; and since then it has been the general impression of all who have become familiar with the story of her life and the remarkable manifestations of her favor with God in behalf of those who invoke her.

Now since the Holy See has approved this conviction, and formally styled her Venerable, there is a marked increase of devotion to her. There is new joy over the progress of the Cause for having her declared Blessed,

more earnest prayer that this may come about soon, great desire to make known her life, her virtues and extraordinary answers to the prayers of those who invoke her.

In the long run, to have a Servant of God like Tekakwitha attain the honor of His Altars, it is prayer that counts far more than any human study or effort, prayer that for His glory, His Servant may be honored, verifying: "Wonderful is God in His Saints."

It is now our part to pray that the honor of this Servant of God, the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha may in good time be complete by having her named Blessed and Saint.

## HIS LETTER IS SURPRISINGLY LEGIBLE

"Being blind, this letter to you may not come out satisfactorily enough to tell exactly what I hoped to say. We finally saved up this twenty dollars. They are intended to help those Indians, religious and devout, to defray expenses. Outside of praying hard, those poor children of nature, so grossly taken advantage of, cannot do much. But maybe they and their children may include us in their solicitations in turn. As yet we have not asked for any favors. The main thing is, it seemed to us, that the money were in your hands to work with. If the dear Father would like to ask us this and that for further information we would be able to answer them I think. Meanwhile we wish you success. Remember us in your prayers, dear Father. If our limited means allowed it, you could depend on my old sister and me for a much tidier sum and frequent sendings."

—San Francisco, Cal.

## HOW PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT KATERI

"After reading these articles in the papers, I decided to pray to Catherine Tekakwitha for a very special favor. I promised if this favor was granted to me, I would make same known to the proper authorities, to further help the church know of the favors received through her intercession. I have received the favor I asked for."

—Rome, N. Y.

"A few months ago, I received from our parish priest the leaflet with the prayer for the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha on it, and after daily prayer to her my favor has been granted. So out of gratitude, and to keep a promise I made to her, I am sending this gift to help in her canonization. And would you please send me a dozen leaflets with her canonization prayer, a dozen novena leaflets, and three oxidized silver medals. I would like to help her Cause as much as possible."

—Ludington, Mich.

## FAVORS ON LARGE SCALE

"Many thanks for the Masses offered for our intentions, and you will be very happy to hear that our intentions were granted most abundantly, thank God."

—Convent, Bakersfield, Cal.

"Enclosed is an offering for your Tekakwitha fund. We wish to express our gratitude for the help given us by your sainted protégé when we were trying to raise some much needed money."

—Convent, Hartford, Conn.

"As you may perhaps remember from my last year's correspondence, we placed the financial problem of the building of our new church under the sponsorship of Kateri Tekakwitha. It was a hard year and certainly we must be grateful for the help which she has given us, so that we were able to go ahead with the building of our church.

"St. Michael's Mission Church was dedicated on May 14. Although we have a heavy debt on the church, yet our dire need in respect to a new church, which would accommodate our Indians, has been removed. At the same time we have more space for our school activities. The old church is converted into a dormitory for our larger boys and a classroom.

"Indeed, we feel that Kateri Tekakwitha has helped us with our financial problems and we hope and trust that she will also assist us in helping to liquidate the debt.

"As an act of thanksgiving, kindly accept the enclosed check in order to promote the cause of the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. We are making it a special point to pray that she may soon be raised to the altar and our Indian children are very enthusiastic about her."

—Pastor, St. Michael, N. D.

## PRAYER WITH A WILL AND A WAY

"One month ago I lived in Hardin, Montana. They had no Catholic school or Catholic action in the town for our young. I started a novena to the 'Lily of the Mohawks' for a job in a town where there was a Catholic school. At the end of the novena, we were almost swamped with jobs — all where there is a Catholic grade, high school and college. Then I started a novena for money to move on. Right away I had no trouble selling all my furniture. We had an old car and it looked like we were not going to be able to sell it. The day before we left we gave up trying and bought a number and a new battery for it. Then right out of the sky a man came and offered us \$130 for it and, believe me, we took it. We moved to Helena a week ago. The boys start to a Catholic School, and everything is fine, thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha." —Helena, Mont.

## NOT UNUSUAL

"My family gives credit to Tekakwitha again for dad's re-election. He went over in the primaries to everyone's astonishment. It means much to be saved the work and expense of the general voting in November." —Spokane, Wash.

## TEKAKWITHA IN MEXICO

A devoted client of Tekakwitha, a Sister of Perpetual Adoration in Ocampo, Irapuato, Mexico, never fails to report favors received by invoking the saintly Indian Maiden, and the offerings made by each recipient. Her latest report is about favors received by the ladies named: de Cortes, Ayala, Valdes and Martinez and the offering from each.

The Sisters themselves give thanks for acquiring a much needed house near their convent, and Mr. and Mrs. Ayala for finding the deeds of their property which had been lost seven years. In this case one thanks offering is to be made by the owner and another by the farmhands in the shape of a small chapel in honor of Tekakwitha.

"For protection from evil men during an auto trip from Irapuato to Mexico City."

—Mrs. C. de C.

"For the sudden recovery of a young girl from a dangerous illness."—Mrs. L. G. de M.

## HOPE FULFILLED

"Enclosed find three dollars to help further Tekakwitha's Cause. I hope there are a lot more people who get as much consolation and satisfaction by praying to her as I do."

—Ocean Springs, Miss.

## OUR CARES ARE KNOWN IN HEAVEN

"I received so many wonderful favors. My brother couldn't find a house, so I made a novena and at the last minute he found a cute one. She is wonderful."—Hillside, Md.

"Business falling off, I invoked her aid and now it's so brisk I cannot keep up with it. Also for the success of a dangerous operation." —Lawrence, Mass.

"Am enclosing check for \$5.00 which I promised to send for the Cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha if I sold my property. Wish to express my gratitude for this favor —had settlement on this property last Friday." —Philadelphia.

"Through the intercession of Tekakwitha I have received both spiritual and temporal favors. Please accept small offering to further Cause of her canonization." —Pittsburgh.

Little Tekakwitha,  
Please pray to God for us,  
To make us meek and humble,  
Grateful, good and just.

Little Tekakwitha,  
Virgin of our race,  
Guide us through eternity's  
Everlasting place.

—EDMEE JONES, 13 years, Honolulu.  
(Wants to be a Maryknoll Missionary.)



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

"I have made several novenas to her and she has helped me a lot. The last novena was also answered; I asked that I wouldn't have to undergo an operation. My prayer was answered."  
—New Albany, Ind.

"... They say that for two months before the novena she was showing evident signs of derangement and at the end would do nothing for anybody, wandering about the house at night, setting off alarm clocks, and finally, prostrate in bed. The first suggestion she obeyed was that of making the novena. She has been perfectly normal since — four months."  
—Spokane.

"The first was a little boy who was desperately ill following an operation for ruptured appendix; he is now fully recovered. The second, a mother, who looked as near death as anyone whom I have seen die, began to recover when I placed Tekakwitha's relic on her bed and promised to report the recovery. She is now fully recovered. The third case is also a mother who developed peritonitis following a Cæsarean operation. She is now improving. Inclosed you will find a small donation to help with the Cause of Tekakwitha."

—Sister M. L., S.S.J., Elwood, Ind.

"May I also report for your little monthly leaflet in thanksgiving for the following favors:

"The recovery from a very serious attack of pneumonia of the most virulent type by my personal physician who had been given up by attending doctors, and the gratitude of his wife and daughter and himself for this cure.

"The saving of a mother's life in a premature birth after invoking the aid of Tekakwitha.

"A remarkable clearance of a dread skin disease said by doctors to be hard to understand.

"Relief and a clearance of a case of lung cancer.

"Relief through an easy death of one of my parishioners." —Pastor, Denver, Colo.

"I have just made a novena in her honor and feel sure that she has interceded and obtained the blessings I requested: that my husband stop drinking. I am now making a novena of thanksgiving and please ask her that he may persevere." —Dearborn, Mich.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	7	Conversion .....	1
Financial Aid .....	2	Examination Success ..	1
Relief in Distress ....	2	Employment .....	1
Vocation .....	1	Not Specified .....	42

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	1	Spiritual .....	6
Financial Aid .....	5	Employment .....	7
Relief in Distress ....	6	Not Specified .....	47

#### Obituary

Mrs. John Lowen, Philadelphia, Pa.

Anna Meyers, Munhall, Pa.

Rev. James B. Craney, S.T.B., Dubuque, Iowa.

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