

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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TEKAKWITHA AND THE WAR

Tekakwitha knew what war was. Her mother had been a victim of it, taken captive when the Mohawks made a raid on her people, the Algonquins. When only ten years old she suffered its horrors in the destruction of her own Mohawk villages, and the winter following without food or cabin shelter. Often afterward she witnessed the braves of her settlement in the orgies of the war dance as they prepared to march on the Mohicans or other hostile tribes, and once at least she saw them bring home captives for torture and death at the fire stake. All this while she was still dwelling on the Mohawk.

Yes, Tekakwitha knew what war was, if

not in the mass destruction of our wars today, she knew it in still more savage form, in killing hand to hand, and killing for the delight to kill. Even the few years she spent on the banks of the St. Lawrence, her quiet home at Laprairie was not immune from bloodthirsty attacks, and quite soon after her death her people believed that through her intercession when altogether undefended they were unharmed in a surprise attack by the implacable Iroquois. This is why she is styled: "The Genevieve of New France"—as Saint Genevieve had protected Paris from the barbarians of her day, so Venerable Tekakwitha was the saviour of her people.

THE POINT OF ALL THIS

"Your generous package of medals and prayers came yesterday, thanks very much. I've started to distribute them so the fame of Kateri should spread in New Orleans. A soldier from the Bomber Base visited us and I gave him some to give the Chaplain. The boys seem anxious to get prayers and medals. I heard that this boy is a very good Catholic, so with his help they are going to be appreciated."

Here is a suggestion for helping the men (and why not the women?) engaged in this war. They all take to Tekakwitha, whose example became such a force for inspiring her people to esteem purity and temperance. And they all like her medals, easy to carry, and so expressive of her virtue. Let each

reader of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS distribute as many as possible among our men and women in the army, navy and air corps. Or, help us to do this by contributing for a certain number, and pass the word to your friends to do the same. See list at foot of page 8.

NOTABLE INTEREST IN MAKING KATERI KNOWN SINCE SHE BECAME VENERABLE

"Attempts to sell our house had been unsuccessful. I started a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha and interested my mother and sister in making one. Before a second was completed, we had accepted an offer."

—Cincinnati.

"My niece lost her position on a Saturday and I prayed to Kateri to intercede for me that she would secure a position by the following Wednesday, and she did actually receive the position Thursday." —Omaha.

"I asked for a promotion at my work. The boss told me someone had asked ahead of me. As soon as I got home from work I started my novena to Tekakwitha for help and on the fourth day the boss said I could have the job wanted." —Latrobe, Pa.

"The last favor granted (was) I had been sick for two months. Upon my return to work I was told we would receive a ten per cent. bonus on salary received. I asked this soon-to-be-saint that I would receive a bonus on my straight salary. The favor was granted." —St. Paul.

"Last Saturday I asked Tekakwitha to answer a prayer by Monday and promised to send you the enclosed amount to further her Cause. My prayer was answered. I am a widow and have prayed and tried for a long time to secure a position. I go to work next Monday." —Memphis.

"Having received a remarkable favor through invoking the little Indian Maiden, I gratefully acknowledge it as marvelous. My family had lost all confidence in an insurance personnel and were loath to report them, hoping to soon see a change. Today when your pamphlet came, I offered the whole affair to Catherine Tekakwitha. To my surprise, a new agent came, fixed every-

thing in fine shape and relieved us of a long nervous tension." —Bristol, Pa.

"Two weeks or more ago my father lost his job. I immediately started making a novena to her for him to get work, as he is no longer a young man and not in the best of health; he secured work almost immediately.

"I had been worrying a great deal about financial trouble, so started a novena to her to help me. Much to my surprise, I was advised by the president of the company for which I worked that the insurance I carried with them could be converted into a disability claim and I could be paid a certain amount for about twenty or more months."

—Lancaster, Pa.

"Enclosed find check for \$5.00 which I promised Kateri Tekakwitha, Little Catherine, I would send you to be used towards her canonization, and have it published, if she would help me financially, and as soon as my novena was finished my broker called me asking me to sell a bond at a big profit and to invest the money so I would have an income. Three times she has helped me in financial conditions." —Alliance, O.

"I wish to make known that I received a request through the intercession of 'Lily of the Mohawks' and will do my best to spread devotion in her honor." —Limerick, Eire.

"Incidentally I may state that I am employed at St. Joseph's Church and some months ago our Pastor was confined in a hospital with a serious ailment and was about to be operated on, when he thought of the 'Lily of the Mohawks.' Prayed, and no operation occurred—hence, deem it seems prudent to spread the news that will be of benefit to others thus afflicted." —San Jose, Cal.

"My brother is the father of three young boys, seven and four years, and six weeks old, respectively. His wife had just returned from the hospital with the new baby, born June 25, when my brother went to bed and then to the hospital, July 25, with a serious streptococcus throat infection. His temperature rose to 106, and while the fever was at its height, he developed an acute appendix attack. Due to the high fever, the doctors were in a quandary as to their procedure. I had blessed my brother with Kateri's relic at 10 a.m.—at 2 p.m. the doctors decided they could wait no longer for fear the appendix would burst. Preparations were rushed and in half an hour he was on the table. The doctors found an 'obstructed' appendix, which they said would have burst in another few hours. When they took him up to the operating room, they gave him about 'one chance in a hundred,' according to their words to me, but they had to take that one chance. My priest brother stayed that afternoon. I saw my brother early the next morning, and his first words astounded me. I had expected to find him weak, gravely ill, and when I entered the room, to ask how he was, he answered: 'Outside of a bit of gas pains, I feel fine.' He had a good night's sleep, no nausea, and looked remarkably well for what he had gone through, and his fever was down almost to normal. His improvement was so rapid that on the tenth day after the operation he went home, all signs of the streptococcus infection having disappeared three days after the operation. The doctors were amazed at his rapid recovery. My brother and I were not. Each day I had blessed him with the relic and had placed her picture in the room, and put the Auriesville Martyrs' cross on his hospital gown. We had put our trust in Kateri—asked her to live up to her name—and 'set all things in order'—for this young father of a young family. She more than answered our prayers. I wish here to

publicly pay tribute to her power and her love."

—New York.

"For finding lost articles and for being saved from embarrassment in money matters."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

"It is with great pleasure and thankfulness to Catherine Tekakwitha that I am able to enclose a check for \$5.00 which I pledged if any part of my favors were granted. I am a man 67 years of age; had store property which I leased for a livelihood, due to being unable to secure work. In August, 1930, my property was vacated; could not find employment due to my age, and I had to mortgage my property for \$2,000 in order to live. My funds were about exhausted, and I made every effort to find work, or a tenant or purchaser for my property, but to no avail. I couldn't borrow any more on my property, due to its being vacant.

"To make my story as brief as possible, I was practically down and out, when I was visited by a niece from Chicago, Miss Anna Harks, who related how she and her mother had received a favor, and sold their home through intercession to Catherine Tekakwitha. She sent me your address and I wrote you for the prayers and pamphlets. I prayed fervently and secured employment with a defense plant of the General Motors here. I have been working since Labor Day, including two Sundays, doing clerical work and my check for payment of my services from September 15 to September 30, amounted to \$120.00. It is needless to say that I am thankful and very happy."

—Janesville, Wis.

"Please pray for a nephew, Arthur McEvoy, who is missing in action, after receiving a silver star medal for taking MacArthur M.T.B. boats. Also for nephew who is on verge of nervous breakdown, with a baby three weeks old and one sixteen months."

—Methuen, Mass.

"To help the Cause for the Canonization of Tekakwitha, enclosed please find offering in thanksgiving for graces received."

—Hamtramck, Mich.

"For our safe arrival back to camp. Several weeks ago, four of us went hiking and became lost, and I am sure it was through her intercession and guidance that we had a safe return."

—Cornwall, Pa.

"Just yesterday, we received a check to the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars. We attribute it to Kateri's intercession as we had prayed to her on Wednesday to send us enough money to meet the payroll due on Tuesday."

—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"One of our Sisters was very much crippled with arthritis and suffered very much. I brought her a relic of Kateri and asked her to make a novena to the little saint. She is now very much improved and is able to be about and to do some work."

—Kirkwood, Mo.

"Kateri is curing our Mother Superior slowly but surely, so in thanksgiving we are distributing things to make her known here. She is doing wonders for my brother in Ottawa. He was totally unconscious three days—to the surprise of doctors, nurses and everybody he regained consciousness—hemorrhages ceased and after eight transfusions he is now gaining. His mind is not clearing as much as they'd like, but they think this is due to his extreme weakness."

—Lewiston, Me.

"I wish to thank the Lily of the Mohawks for obtaining a position for my sister. She had tried many times to secure one in a certain office, but without success. About two months ago I made a novena to Kateri asking her aid in obtaining this position. A few days after the completion of the novena my sister was notified that there was a vacancy in this office, and, upon applying, the position was given to her."

—Pierre, S. D.

"For over two years my brother had been very sick with pains in his head, taking spasms; two doctors said he showed all signs of tumor of the brain. While he was very sick I gave him a Kateri relic to wear, also a medal that I got from Auriesville Shrine. After six weeks, the doctor, thinking the worst, sent him to a brain specialist. We prayed to Kateri to intercede for him, and the specialist's report was that there was no sign of tumor. Since then he has improved marvelously, and is well enough to go back to work."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

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| Cures | 2 | Rooms Rented | 1 |
| Financial Aid | 3 | Relief in Distress | 4 |
| Employment | 2 | Not Specified | 41 |

PETITIONS

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| Cures | 3 | Relief in Distress | 8 |
| Employment | 4 | Financial Aid | 10 |
| Spiritual | 5 | Not Specified | 18 |

Obituary

Rev. Dennis A. McCabe, West Buxton, Me.
Rev. Thomas J. Wheeler, Baltimore, Md.
Vivian Reed, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sister M. Peter, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mother Gabriel, D.C., Cleveland, O.
Sister Mary Camilla, Portage, Pa.

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