



THE LILY OF

THE MOHAWKS

Fairest flower that ever

bloomed among true men

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REMOVAL

With its new year **THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS** takes new life with a new address, 317 East Fordham Road, New York 58, N. Y.

Rarely does it happen that the subscribers and readers of a periodical supply its contents. This issue of **THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS** is almost entirely the work of both. Almost every paragraph in it might begin and end with double commas. It shows how familiar all are with the object of this monthly message and how deeply interested.

This makes the editor's task a pleasant one. What adds to his pleasure is the familiarity with which correspondents address him, the cordiality of their good wishes and the alacrity of their co-operation. Tekakwitha surely does evoke the best evidences of devotion.

Why is it that thousands upon thousands respond to appeals for interest in the Venerable Tekakwitha? One answer is that thousands upon thousands are like her, or at least aspire to be. They have not to contend with the terrible odds she had to face; that is, they are not as heroic in virtue as she was, but they appreciate what she had to go through and love to honor her for her lofty ideals and constancy.

This is why the *Decree* on Kateri's virtues

has aroused so much enthusiasm and given a fresh impetus to interest in this saintly Indian Maiden. It explains also why so many more feel moved to invoke her with confidence.

From our entry into the war requests came from sons in service; now the requests are for daughters also; and soon they may be for fathers; but why overlook those who make the greatest sacrifice—the mothers?

A suggestion well worthy of consideration is that all who know about Tekakwitha should unite in invoking her to bring about peace. At first thought it may seem that compared with the vast bodies of men and women who are praying for this, the clients of Tekakwitha are very few, an insignificant group. That may be, but every prayer mounts to heaven. Now especially that the very home of Christendom is in hostile hands, and the Vicar of Christ, for all purposes, a prisoner, it is right, as in St. Peter's case, that "prayer be made without ceasing by the church unto God for him." (Acts 12, 5.)

MAKING TEKAKWITHA KNOWN

"Enclosed please find an offering to help make Tekakwitha known to others."

—Wahoo, Nebr.

"My friends want to pray to Kateri Tekakwitha knowing the favor I received through her help."

—Hartford, Conn.

"We have received many financial favors through the intercession of Tekakwitha. In appreciation we will try to get others to pray for her canonization."

—Sister A. M., Pittsburgh.

"Little Catherine has granted us so many favors, we want to make her known to others. So enclosed find \$1.00 for which send us the following . . ." —Morrisville, N. Y.

"I know that I am receiving many spiritual favors through the intercession of our Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha so I am continuing to make known her cause for canonization."

—Pastor, Denver, Colo.

"The pictures, medals, etc., ordered in the past were received in good condition. I was pleased with them all and am trying to encourage devotion to Catherine by giving these to various friends, etc." —Erie, Pa.

"Some person gave me the enclosed \$5.00 to get some literature on Kateri Tekakwitha, preferably a picture with a prayer on it to be placed in the back of our church for the people to take. Would you please send whatever you can for the enclosed?"

—Pastor, St. Louis, Mo.

"I intend to spread the name of Catherine by the Novena leaflets. In view of seeking help from the Lily of the Mohawks, I will strive to make her better known. I have

what is supposed to be an incurable ailment and want the Lily of the Mohawks to succor me."

—Aurora, Ill.

"I have received many favors from her and I thought the best way I could thank her was to spread devotion to her by distributing her leaflets among my friends and relatives."

—St. Louis, Mo.

"My class and I prayed fervently to the Sacred Heart and Catherine Tekakwitha that they might pass successfully their county examinations which were very difficult. Our prayers were answered, for every child passed. I feel certain that the class will continue their prayers to Catherine, as they enter high school next year." —Pittsburgh.

"Rev. A. Hubert Van Reckem passed away January 12, 1943, after being ill for more than three years. I am his old housekeeper, thirty-four years, and have heard him say several times that the Lily of the Mohawks helped him when he needed money for the church; he had a lot of faith in her. I also pray for her Cause."

—Bartlesville, Okla.

"I called for some more medals of the Lily of the Mohawks, the twenty-four you gave me having been distributed to the enlisted men on board the U. S. S. Fechteler, Destroyer Escort 157. These were not enough to go around, there being fifty-two more who want medals. If you could send these to me at my home, since I am now en route there, having been transferred to new duties, I will see that they are distributed."

—San Francisco, Cal.

"I had no trouble whatsoever in distributing them to the proper class of people, folks that would appreciate them, and I know that would pray for 'her' most fervently. A

great many people came to me after I had given them the medal and pamphlet and told me they were going to send in an order for her picture and what not. I gave the majority of medals to mothers and fathers of boys in the armed services of our beloved country. I have just mailed the last three medals that I had left to a Polish family, mother, father and their nineteen-year-old daughter." —New York, N. Y.

"Due to the heavy taxes now being imposed upon the people, we suddenly began to feel the great pressure, and began wonder-

ing just how we were going to manage some things of necessity. I began to pray to the Lily of the Mohawks and so far everything has worked out beautifully. Every Saturday my husband has been earning extra money, and I have also received many little favors during the course of each day, after saying a small prayer to little Catherine. I suggest that all those devoted to the little Lily, especially those who have already had favors published join together in earnest prayer for cessation of this dreadful war and for a just and happy peace this year."

—Lake Mahopac, N. Y.

VOTIVE OFFERINGS

"Please accept this offering to help meet the expense of her Cause here and in Rome in thanksgiving for favors." —Latonia, Ky.

"Enclosed please find a check, a gift towards the Canonization expense for Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for favor granted." —New Orleans, La.

"Enclosed is an offering which I promised for the Cause of Blessed Catherine Tekakwitha upon her helping me to obtain a very special and difficult favor." —Circleville, O.

"May our good Catherine keep you in good health and allow you to see the result of your work. Father M., O.M.I., has promised me to write a review of Father Holland's poem and also of the *Positio* in the quarterly of l'Universite d'O'Hawa. I will see that you get a copy." —Pastor, Adams, Mass.

"We are sending, dear Reverend Father, a check—an offering which we promised towards the Cause of Tekakwitha, if she would obtain a great favor for us. She has done so, very nicely; in fact within two days of our making the promise, so we keep our part of the bargain." —San Francisco, Cal.

"About six years ago I heard about 'The Little Indian,' Catherine Tekakwitha, and I made a novena to her for a job that I wanted very badly, and my prayers were answered. And again I have made another novena to her and already I feel that my prayers have been answered. Father, I would like to have a relic of the 'Little Indian's' to carry with me as I am going into the United States Army. If I can't have a relic I will be satisfied with a medal and a few of her pictures."

—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I had been praying for money for which I had worked hard and didn't get. Now I am more than paid. Things worked out wonderful." —St. Cloud, Minn.

"Most of the favors concerned my little baby girl who's been sick for a short time, but praying to Kateri has helped me through these trying times." —Cleveland, O.

"Our hospital has received so many favors through her intercession that I am only too happy to help in a small way to promote her Cause."
—Du Bois, Pa.

"My mother has a heart ailment and high blood pressure and was quite sick. Since I've prayed to Kateri she has improved very much. Best of wishes for success."
—Calumet, Mich.

"I needed money and asked Kateri Tekakwitha to send me some. The answer came through an unexpected channel."
—Philadelphia, Pa.

"I am enclosing \$3.00 for Katherine's Cause. This is the gift of an Indian boy at the San Xavier Sanitorium. To this I add my mite."
—Tucson, Ariz.

"Miss Rosa Flores from Guadalajara, Jalisco, whom I never have seen, sent to me a letter on the 15th of this month saying: 'I give thanks to our Lord for having granted to me a special favor through the intercession of the Venerable Catarina, St. Joachim and St. Anna.'

"I was in exceedingly need of to get fifty pesos. I did ask and promise Catarina if she send me this money to make it known. Four days after I got it. I acknowledge her wonderful power and I give thanks to perform my promise."

—Lagos de Moreno, Jal., Mexico.

"I made a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha and asked her for these favors: that my son-in-law would get a job and be deferred from the Army, that we would sell our place and that my son would get a job. Every one was answered."
—Greeley, Kan.

"I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha to get me a position last week and my prayer was answered with double the salary. I promised Kateri to give her a Mass donation out of the first week's salary."
—Brooklyn, N. Y.

"I promised to write this letter if a friend of mine would receive a position through Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession. We made a novena to her and our request was granted a few days after finishing our novena."
—Sacramento, Cal.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	4	Relief in Distress	2
Financial Aid	2	Property Sale	1
Spiritual	2	Not Specified	73

PETITIONS

Cures	5	Relief in Distress	10
Financial Aid	9	Spiritual	5
Not Specified	30		

Obituary

Rev. James R. Murphy, Elroy, Wis.
Rev. Henry M. Tatten, Medway, Mass.
Rev. Lawrence A. Deering, Media, Pa.
Rev. A. Hubert Van Reckem, Bartlesville, Okla.
Sister Teresa Gertrude O'Toole, Convent, N. J.
Sister M. Ermelina, Trenton, N. J.
Sister M. Evarista, Cleveland, O.
Sister M. Alphonsus, Charlotte, N. C.

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