

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## WHAT TEKAKWITHA'S BEATIFICATION WILL MEAN

"She has helped us greatly in the missionary endeavors of this archdiocese."

—Archbishop of Vancouver.

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

September 13, 1943.

My dear Father Wynne:

Pax Christi

At this writing I picture you to myself with your countenance irradiated by the same beatific smile that you will have in Heaven, and your soul flooded with holy joy.

That is how you must have been when you mailed around to thousands the Decree of the S. Congregation of Rites "Declaring Heroic the Virtues of the Servant of God the Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha." God be blessed!

The next important step will be the proclamation of the two Miracles assuring Her Beatification. We hope and pray that this blessed event may not be retarded by the sad condition of the Eternal City. It will be your heaven begun on earth.

I surely share your joy with my soul and my heart beating in union and harmony with yours.

My good wishes and prayers are with you and with all the clients of the Venerable "Kateri."

Most sincerely in Jesus Christ,

JOSEPH R. CRIMONT, S.J.,  
*Vicar Apostolic of Alaska.*

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

September 25, 1943.

Dear Father Wynne:

Your efforts in promoting the cause of Venerable Catherine will have a remembrance in my prayers and Holy Masses. It will mean much to our natives of Alaska to have one of their own race raised to the Altar of God. Tomorrow, among those who will be confirmed here in our church, is a young Indian girl, who has taken the name of Catharine, in memory of the Lily of the Mohawks.

With kind good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ WALTER J. FITZGERALD, S.J.

## What Tekakwitha's Beatification Will Mean (Continued)

### KATERI'S RESTING PLACE

"Many thanks for the copies of the *Decree*. We will make good use of it. Our dear Kateri is getting to be more and more known and is ever spreading her favors. We hear a lot of her and many come to thank her here." —Caughnawaga, P. Q., Canada.

### FOR HER OWN PEOPLE

"I wish to thank you for having sent me the *Decree* by which HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII has proclaimed as heroic the virtues of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha. This is a very precious document for the Church in North America and especially for those who have consecrated their lives as missionaries among the Indians.

"I firmly believe that the Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha protects in a special manner and looks upon favorably the missionary work among the poor tribes of which she was and still remains the loveliest flower."

—Vicar Apostolic of Grouard.

### FROM HER TOMB SITE

"This is the first opportunity I have to write to you, so I take it with pleasure for I know well that you have done so much for the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. We had a very quiet summer here so far as pilgrimages to the Shrine. Only one regular pilgrimage from a neighboring parish. The big pilgrimage from the Immaculate Conception did not come on account of transportation shortage. Just the same on Saturdays and Sundays and even on week-days we had many individual visits. One or two cars at a time, sometimes we had more.

"We thought for a time that Rome would be free from the war, but now with the Germans there, it is worse than before, so we will have to wait until after the war for the beatification of dear Kateri."

—Ste. Catherine de Laprairie,  
P. Q., Canada.

## REPORTS OF FAVORS GROW

### THAT WAS MARVELLOUS

"As organizer for the students and as director of the American Alumni for one of the most important colleges of my religious province, I prayed to Kateri to better the financial state of affairs, which had become unbearable and which seemed unsurmountable by human means. She worked marvels: not only were we able to recover from the uneasy situation, but we have been able to restore certain apartments that had long become obsolete and to add two new constructions, and this, this very year, when such enterprises, due to war, are practically impossible." —Berthierville, P. Q., Canada.

### WHAT WOMEN WILL DO

"I am a widow with three small children and with her help I have managed to keep

my family with my work. My first wish was for a steady job; well, not only did I get a job, but was able to live in the same building I was working in, making it possible to keep my babies with me. In May I had to change jobs; again I was offered a position with living quarters above the place where I work. God in His mercy has helped her to take care of me and my children and not only do a fair job of my duties as a mother, but win the respect of everyone in the neighborhood at what I am doing alone. My last wish was just a few weeks ago; I could not check my register at nights without shortages; again I prayed to Little Katherine and again my wish was granted. My faith is more than words can express."

—Houston, Tex.

### Reports of Favors Grow *(Continued)*

"I began a novena to her on May 27 for recovery so that I could return to work. Today, June 2, I was examined by my physician and he stated that my chest was fine and that I could return to work Monday. Enclosed is contribution to her Cause."

—Spring Valley, Ill.

"How we have bought our home and made payments and hospital bills has been more like a miracle for we have a large family—nine children. Our boy in the Navy keeps a picture on him of the 'Lily.' He has been in active service for eight months and not yet eighteen years old. He wants to get in the engine crew."

—Hollywood, Cal.

"This is a very belated thanks for her intercession on behalf of my son; he wanted to leave school—didn't get along with the sister. I made a novena and he gradually straightened out. Sister said he became one of her best pupils and is about to graduate from high school an all 'A' student."

—Detroit, Mich.

"I must say I applied the relic to my daughter, and had her pray for recovery. My wish has been granted, as she is at home, her condition steadily improving after six long months confined in a mental hospital. Owing to the fact I have worked in this hospital myself for nine years, you must realize that my own mind was very nearly distracted as well, to have to endure such an ordeal with worry day and night."

—Wingdale, N. Y.

"Especially do we offer thanks for the safe arrival of our little girl and her good health since. There are so many times she has come to our aid that it is not possible to list them all, but we can surely say she has never failed us and we are only too happy to promote devotion to her. Would you have a small Tekakwitha medal or one on a chain? We would like to have one for the baby as she is named in her honor."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

"I am very grateful to you for having sent the novena leaflets so promptly. I started the prayers immediately and in a few days my doctor came into my room with a smile and announced that there had been a great improvement in my right lung; the first good news in eleven months."

—Waltham, Mass.

"I prayed that Tekakwitha would find me a maid at a reasonable price to care for my invalid mother during the day while I worked. My prayer was granted and it certainly was miraculous to get such a quick response."

—Washington, D. C.

"Enclosed please note offering of \$1.00, in thanksgiving to the Venerable Kateri, for a favor received. I was out of a position and thanks to the intercession of the Venerable Kateri I obtained new employment which promises to be the most congenial work I have ever had. May God bless you and your work."

—Columbus, O.

"Some time ago I had a very sore arm and for weeks had lost the use of it. I promised Kateri that if she cured it I would have the favor published. Shortly after that, the pain lessened and today I am feeling fine. The second favor was an improvement in a serious eye condition of a niece of mine. She is able to go on with her teaching this year."

—Cleveland, O.

"My sister has been very ill, and we have prayed to Little Kateri, 'Lily of the Mohawks,' asking her intercession. She has shown great improvement for which we are deeply grateful. I am enclosing \$2.00 for 'Her Cause' in thanksgiving for help attained, and hope she will soon be added to the litany of 'The Saints.'"

—Binghamton, N. Y.

"To my surprise, I received the amount of money I needed and at the very time it was needed and it was certainly only through her I received it."

—Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

"Nearly two months ago I had an operation to remove an infected gland under my arm that never healed. For seventeen long, painful and worrisome months I made two and three weekly visits to my doctor for treatment, but to no avail. I had recourse to much prayer during that very trying time, but nothing seemed to be helping me. Finally one day my daughter brought home a leaflet of prayer to Katherine that her Sister in school had given her for me. She had been told of the great favors that had been granted through her intercession and suggested that I have faith in her help, too. That day I began a novena. I didn't ask for any immediate cure, but I did pray for inspiration in the form of another doctor. Believe me, before that day was over the name of another man, this time a physician, came into my mind. I called him in that very evening and after studying my condition, he prescribed for me; in three weeks I was completely cured. I was also loaned a relic of Katherine by a friend of mine, which I wore during those three weeks."

—Utica, N. Y.

#### GOOD FORTUNE AND PROVIDENCE

"I cut the leading tendons of my left hand shutting off a porcelain faucet. I was in a Catholic hospital for nine days and went back, after being discharged from the ward, three times a week, for six months, for treatment. After the first five days they allowed

me out of bed. That morning I went to the recreation room and picked up a book on the life of Blessed Catherine. That evening my mother-in-law came to see me and I told her about the book. It was my good fortune she had a relic of Kateri. From that day on when they changed the bandage I always had it wrapped again with the relic inside.

"The Sister Superior had informed my family that everything had been done that was possible, but it was very doubtful if I would ever use the hand again as they wanted to take the hand off at the wrist, and they expressed little doubt if the hand would heal if it was sewed up. But a miracle was performed by Blessed Catherine and today my hand is as useful as it ever was, and there is no noticeable difference in my hand except the surgery scar."

—Collingdale, Pa.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	3	Relief in Distress	2
Financial Aid	2	Apartment Found	2
Employment	3	Property Sale	1
Not Specified			37

#### PETITIONS

Cures	5	Relief in Distress	4
Financial Aid	7	Spiritual	2
Employment	2	Not Specified	35

#### Obituary

Rev. John H. McKenna, Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Rev. Charles Auer, Hot Springs, S. D.  
 Rev. S. Derengowski, Joliet, Ill.  
 Sister Raphael, Waltham, Mass.  
 Miss Kate Kennedy, Watsonville, Cal.  
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