

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever

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THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR greetings are in order, and the wish of all this year, if ever, is PAX CHRISTI—The Peace of Christ!

A REAL THRILLER

Rev. and dear Father:

I make this offering in thanksgiving for a great favor I owe to the intercession of the Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha in whom I have great confidence and whose devotion I try to propagate by every means in my power.

Some time ago youngsters broke into my office and got away with quite a large sum of money (money destined for our missions). As soon as I was notified I thought of Kateri Tekakwitha as the one in heaven who was to help me. I made a promise to send an offering to help her Cause if I recovered the money.

I recovered the whole sum except for a few dollars, though the police were entirely on the wrong track. The boys had left town immediately, making New York their destination. But they stopped over in Springfield, getting off the train between one and two in the morning. They were immediately picked up by the police, questioned, confessed everything and turned over the money. Had

they reached New York I would probably have lost the whole amount.

This favor I attribute to the intercession of our saintly Indian Maiden.

—Rev. E. J. C., O.M.I., Lowell, Mass.

RESUMING A FAMILIAR STORY

Reverend and dear Father:

Our little Indian Maid, the Ven. Catherine Tekakwitha, has again made us feel the benefit of her influence. It is nothing short of miraculous the way minds and hearts have been moved to sympathize with our diocese in its hour of need, and the liberality with which Catholics in and out of the diocese have contributed to pay off the diocesan debt. Over 12 per cent. of the capital has been paid within one year.

With sentiments of sincere and profound gratitude to our heavenly benefactress, we ask you, Reverend Father, to accept the enclosed token offering as a contribution from the diocese for her Cause.

Very faithfully in Dno.,

(Signed) ———, Vicar General.

FROM KATERI'S OWN

"I'm enclosing \$5.00 at present, but will send \$16.00 later on. I promised her this if my x-ray came out good. It did. Thanks to Tekakwitha."—Jack Kato, Klawork, Alaska.

THE KATERI CLUB AND ITS INDIAN WORK

"The Indians are more scattered than ever, and family break-ups are just as prevalent as among the whites. The war is doing irreparable damage to some families, but there will be gains, too, and all of them will come back to the reserves, I'm nearly sure. Naturally, this scattering affects the Club, but it has more lives than a cat. We had a splendid meeting August 1 in Spokane, and a manager elected from the Spokane reservation. Most of the officers are there now in a compact organization. Sewing for *Hansen* totalled about 800 pairs (of gloves) last year. I won't let them try to renew the contract until their accounts are straightened out. I'll send you a diagnosis I've been working on in relation to some college work.

"The main object of this letter, however, is a plea for prayers for the repose of the soul of one of Kateri's loyal friends, the artist who drew the picture you have in your office. I don't know if I ever wrote you much about Ben Nicodemus. I must have told you of his brother, Lawrence, who was *Kateri* manager last year. Ben was only twenty-five years old, dying of heart trouble. He received the Last Sacraments First Friday (October). In June he was discharged from army construction work in Yukon Territory where he was nine months without seeing a priest. He narrowly escaped death there, too, so it seems God wanted him to see his Venerable friend. Maybe she was there to take him Home. At any rate, he did much to propagate her devotion among his own people, and I know you will remember him at Mass."

—Sister Providencia, St. Thomas Home,
Great Falls, Mont.

SPREADING THE DEVOTION

"Miss W. is making a novena to the little Lily of the Mohawks and wishes to inclose a leaflet in her Christmas greeting to her friends to spread devotion to Kateri."

—Baltimore.

"Enclosed find two dollars, and I would like to have a few number I and a few number II pamphlets of Catherine, Lily of the Mohawks. And if you have any medals or plaques send them and I will forward the difference. I am a Protestant, but have followed Catherine for years and she has answered my many prayers." —Pittsburgh.

"I promised to spread her devotion for the favors." —Thibodaux, La.

"I left a number of leaflets and THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS magazine at church this morning. Enclosed please find one dollar (\$1.00) in currency for leaflets No. 2. I want to distribute leaflets in thanksgiving for a favor received." —Wichita 8, Kan.

THE BEST WAY OF ALL

"For some years I have had devotion to Little Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, and, many thanks to you, I am in possession of a relic. She has been very kind to me in a successful organization of Girl Scout Troops in Lancaster, Pa. During Girl Scout Week I always have the Scouts of the parish troop go to Mass in a body and receive our dear Lord in Holy Communion. This year I have arranged for November 6.

"I am trying to have all Girl Scouts develop devotion to Kateri, as I consider her the First Girl Scout in this country who is close to Almighty God. I would like to present each Catholic Girl Scout with a little remembrance, such as a medal, or card, or some keepsake, not too expensive, the day of our Mass. Could you please help me with a suggestion. I would need about fifty."

—Lancaster, Pa.

ONE WAY OF PRAYING

"... Last February over in North Africa, when our American troops first engaged the Germans and Italians, how they had our boys a-running back more than sixty miles, killing, wounding and taking many of them prisoners! Well, I had often obtained small favors from Kateri so I now challenged her; that she being a full-blooded American had better do something about it; made a storm movena to her and promised publication, and the very next day the papers stated the enemy had been stopped and were being driven back, and they have been going back ever since. But now I am again pleading with her to save Rome and the Vatican from desecration, for if she wants to be proclaimed a saint from St. Peter's at Rome within the not-to-far-distant time, she had better do something about saving it."—Jefferson, Wis.

SIGNAL CURES

"A dear friend was stricken with typhus one week ago today and was confined to the hospital with 104 to 106 fever. I visited him every night and on the first night I placed a leaflet of my dear little Indian Maiden in front of his picture and put him in her care; in three days the fever was broken, the fourth day no fever at all, and on the seventh day he is now home and out of the hospital, walking around but very weak; please pray for him also. The doctors are amazed.

"I also wrote you about a month ago in regards to two of my brothers in service; one was in the hospital with a bad leg. Well, Father, exactly three days after you received that request, I received a letter from my brother stating he was being discharged and sent back home; now he is much better."

—New Orleans.

"Quite some time ago a lady was suddenly afflicted with severe abdominal pains. She was frightened and feared she would die. A

relic of Catherine was applied and soon she was relieved and recovered. I promised to mention it. She might have recovered anyhow, but who knows?

"On April 12 a niece, nine years old, was stricken with a ruptured appendix. She was operated on late at night and her condition was pronounced serious. I said Mass next morning for the Cause of Catherine—started a novena as did others and promised to make it known. I gave my card relic to the child and told her to keep it. She recovered very rapidly and shows now no ill effects, except that the appendix must still be removed. Her condition forbade it then."

—Pastor, Chemoa, Ill.

"I had a very bad hand and wrist which made my hand useless. If I did try to use it, the pain was so dreadful I would cry bitter tears and as a result I spent most of the day crying, and nights were sleepless with the awful pain. Thinking it was neuritis, I tried to bear it; finally I got sick and had to see the doctor, who said it was not neuritis but a pressure on a nerve and I would have to have an operation. He sent me to have an X-ray, and what he said was true—it must be an operation to relieve the pressure. Having a very sick husband, I knew I could not be spared from home, as I have no one to help me, or to depend on, so concluded I would trust to the great power of prayer. So I made a promise to the Lily of the Mohawks that I would send in cash what the X-ray cost me, and I would say one 'Our Father' and three 'Hail Marys' each day for the rest of my life in her honor and to spread her Cause. The inflammation and swelling have gone, and my hand is normal—most of the time I forget I ever had such dreadful pain and suffering."

—Alameda, Cal.

"As per my promise for favor granted; please pray for my twin girls; one entered the Mercy Order recently." —Oak Park, Ill.

"I passed an examination (Civil Service) that I felt I could never do. It was a miracle."
—Cincinnati.

"For the sale of some property after trying in vain for years to sell it, I would like you to say Masses in thanksgiving in her honor."
—Holtville, Cal.

"Recovery from a serious case of diabetes, from tuberculosis after using a Tekakwitha medal; a long illness of a sick child, an accident injury, and word from a brother long unheard from."
—Lagos de Moreno, Jalisco, Mexico.

"Astonishing was the repayment of a loan of a good sum of money. It was never expected back, but just when a similar amount was needed it did come back in a way that seemed almost miraculous."
—Chicago.

"Blessed Kateri has granted me many favors and in appreciation accept this humble \$1.00 towards her Cause. It was hard earned, so the sacrifice is a little more than it appears to be."
—Duluth 7, Minn.

"I needed one hundred dollars in about twelve hours' time, so I prayed to Kateri and asked her to see that I get the money. I received \$103.00 in due time. Kateri has also granted me other small favors in the past."
—New Hyde Park, L. I.

"I want you to know about a prayer being answered marvelously by Catherine. On

Wednesday, September 22, at 11 o'clock a personal affair arose and was just about impossible to solve. I prayed very ardently to Catherine and at exactly 1.30 my problem was solved, being granted, I am sure, by the beloved Catherine."
—Pittsburgh.

"Two years ago I had a badly ruptured ear drum, which drained and caused considerable pain with loss of hearing on that side. Five doctors told me that closure and cure was impossible. I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha. I promised to have a couple of Masses said in her honor and if cured to have an account of it published."
—Sister M. E., Fort Smith, Ark.

"I wanted very much to have a special request granted to me. I was given a leaflet of Catherine Tekakwitha and was told to pray to her. In a very short time my request was granted. I am now praying to her for a very special desire that I feel sure will be granted me through her intercession if it is God's Holy Will."
—Rochester, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Relief in Distress	1	Increase in Salary	1
Employment	2	Not Specified	15

PETITIONS

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Obituary

Rev. Patrick Judge, Omaha, Neb.
Sam Calderone, Algiers, La.

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