

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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### Lengthening the Calendar

Not until 1930 were any saints enrolled in the calendar of the United States. On June 30 of that year Isaac Jogues, René Goupil and John LaLande were solemnly declared martyrs for the faith, put to death by the Mohawk Indians at Auriesville, New York. That declaration would seem to have inspired a yearning to obtain the honors of our altars for numerous others; and that yearning has

been strongly encouraged by His Holiness Pius XII gloriously reigning.

There is, for instance, the Cause for the beatification and canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha; Venerable Nepomucene Neumann; of the Servant of God Mother Elizabeth Seton; of the host of early missionary martyrs, and now of the famous Franciscan, Junipero Serra, and of the noble Alaskan martyr, Archbishop Seghers.

### Padre Junipero Serra

Junipero Serra is a name to conjure with throughout California. Of the many sacred traditions of that State, his is a household one, familiar to visitor as well as resident.

The Apostle of California was born at Petra, on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca, November 24, 1713, and at the age of sixteen entered the Franciscan Order. As priest and doctor of theology, he taught until 1749, when his ardent longing to become a missionary was fulfilled.

In Mexico he labored for twenty years, converting Indians and preaching missions to

the faithful. Padre Serra became superior of the new mission field of Upper California in 1769, and founded the first nine of the twenty-one missions there. In his missionary journeys in the New World, he walked over 6,500 miles, despite an ulcerated leg.

Padre Serra died on August 28, 1784, at Mission San Carlos in Carmelo, where his remains lie today. Zeal for souls was his outstanding characteristic. His fellow-Franciscans are studying his life and virtues, to present him to Rome as a candidate for sainthood. The prayers of the faithful can help this work greatly.

## Archbishop Seghers

Charles John Seghers was born in Ghent, Belgium, December 26, 1839. From the American College of Louvain he was ordained priest, May 31, 1863. Answering the appeal of Bishop Demers, the young missionary dedicated his life to the missions of Vancouver Island and arrived in Victoria, November 19, 1863.

In 1869 he accompanied Bishop Demers to the Vatican Council in order to act as the Bishop's special theologian. Four years later, on June 29, 1873, he was consecrated Bishop of Vancouver Island, Victoria being the site of his episcopal see. He began at once to make extensive missionary journeys throughout his vast diocese which included Alaska. Returning from that bleak country in 1878 after spending more than a year in untold suffering and privation among the Indian tribes of Alaska, Bishop Seghers learned that he had been appointed Coadjutor to the Archbishop of Oregon. On December 10, 1880, he succeeded Archbishop Blanchet.

With the approval of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, Archbishop Seghers resigned his See and was reappointed to Vancouver Island, March 7, 1884. In 1886 the heroic Archbishop undertook his last apostolic journey to Alaska. It was during this expedition, while on the bank of the Yukon River, near Nulato, that he met his death on November 27, 1886. He was shot by Francis Fuller, the pliant tool of unscrupulous traders who hoped that the death of the valiant missionary would prevent the development of Catholic missions in the country.

His precious remains rest in the Memorial Chapel of St. Andrew's Cathedral crypt, Victoria, B. C.

Archbishop Seghers frequently expressed his desire for martyrdom. With his blood he sanctified the soil of Alaska. Cardinal Gib-

bons declared, "History may indeed call him the first martyr of Alaska."

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In good time we may hope to have a litany of American Saints, and it is well to become familiar with their names and deeds, all men and women of heroic character, identified with our history and illustrative of our faith.

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No fear that the children in our Catholic schools of the archdiocese of Philadelphia will not be familiar with these champions of our sacred history, nor with the champions of profane or secular history either. One has only to read their courses in history. The writer knows, because even as young as fifth grade students have been sending requests for information about the North-American Martyrs, and about the Venerable Tekakwitha.

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"In thanksgiving for the favor of liquidating the Guadalupe church debt, we are distributing the life in Spanish of Kateri, and we hope that with the aid of our Indian maid the new parish may soon be free from debt as well as the mother parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Before we had finished the payment on our own parish debt, our Most Reverend Archbishop imposed on us the duty of locating in our parish a chapel for the poorest of our poor with the plan in mind of ultimately dividing our parish. Guadalupe has already paid the purchase price of the ground for the new church. The devotion to Kateri will, we hope, keep our chapel and maintain it free from debt. The benefactors of Guadalupe have enabled the parish to pay the debt. The parish is still too poor to maintain itself unaided. In acknowledgment of our debt to Kateri we send the thanksgiving."

—San Antonio, Tex.

## BUT WHY SURPRISED?

"I no more than reached Montreal and checked at the Y. W. C. A. when a woman who was placed in the same room with me asked me what I was going to do the next day, so I mentioned Brother André's Shrine and then Tekakwitha; if I found some one who would care to go, and she replied that she would go along if I wished. After I got to St. Joseph's Oratory to Mass with this woman, I was greatly surprised to learn that she was Protestant." —Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"Indeed, I am heartily interested in the Cause of the Indian Maiden. Would that I could arouse the entire world to venerate her who loved God more than anything else. Be assured of my help, poor though it may be." —Titusville, Pa.

## PLEASED IS MILD FOR IT

"You will be pleased to know that your prayers for vocations were heard. We have more novices and postulants in the novitiate right now than we have had for several years. Please keep on praying. I enclose a little offering toward the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha, with the assurance of my prayers for the success of your work."

—Seattle, Wash.

"Will you kindly send me a few novena leaflets so that I may interest my friends."

—East Cambridge, Mass.

"My son had been following bad company and was taking bad habits, even neglecting his religious duties, I mean his Mass on Sundays. It is then I decided to start making novenas to Little Catherine, and since that I cannot thank her enough for the great change in him, even he has joined the Knights of Columbus, and much more attention has been given to Sunday Mass."—Franklin, La.

"When we began building our hospital in —, California, we made a promise that if

we obtained the Government grant which we requested and were successful in our drive for funds, we would make an offering in honor of Tekakwitha towards the Cause for her Canonization. Our two petitions have been granted, and we feel that Blessed Tekakwitha has interceded in our behalf. So, now we are fulfilling our promise by sending you the enclosed check." —Seattle, Wash.

"The last time your little request came we promised Kateri if she obtained a request regarding our new project, we would give toward the Cause. This morning in the same mail with your second note we received word that our intention had been granted. Please remind Kateri to continue to remember us and we shall do all in our power to further her interests." —Philadelphia, Pa.

"I promised publication if Kateri Tekakwitha obtained the answer to my petition which was to meet a certain mortgage at a given time. My prayers were answered so now I want to fulfill my promise. To meet the mortgage when due seemed an impossibility, but she overcame that. Am indeed very grateful. Also promised publication if my son obtained work within a given time. That seemed almost impossible but my prayer was answered." —Little Falls, Minn.

"The good Lord blessed me with a healthy, beautiful baby boy; but with the shortage of nurses and not proper care he became a very sick baby. He got so he would not nurse, so injections were given him and liquid was forced into his stomach. At birth he weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and the day I left the hospital he weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. Well, when I got him home I had to have him on a formula, and day and night he was always sick. So I started praying to Kateri Tekakwitha and four days later just like a miracle he changed over night. The next day he was a much better baby and he has improved 100% in his health." —Milwaukee, Wis.



"She again has granted another favor, bringing relief to a person suffering with rheumatism."  
—Logansport, Ind.

"Through the intercession of Blessed Catherine I've been relieved of money worries."  
—Chester, Pa.

"I prayed to Tekakwitha for an intention and she answered my prayers. For which I'm very grateful to her."  
—Cleveland, O.

"She really has been so wonderful to me—the best 'pal' I have had for a long time. I shall pray always that she soon will be made a Saint."  
—Washington, D. C.

"For finding a house when we had to move, convenient in every way and three days after we began to invoke her, though for months before we could not find one."  
—Milwaukee.

"For my husband getting work; being up in years it was not easy and he could not pass doctor's examination. This is the second favor I got. I will always have faith in her."  
—Chicago.

"I promised to make it known if Catherine Tekakwitha would cure my neck. I was suffering so bad I placed on it a relic of Catherine Tekakwitha. The next day I was able to move a little bit, and the next day after I was able to go to church."  
—Nashville, Tenn.

"I have an invalid boy to support and I am a widow, so I have to work for us both.

Last March I placed a petition at the Shrine, asking Tekakwitha to pray for me to get a day-time job, as I was working all night, and as I have a heart condition, it was against my health to continue. So on Easter Sunday last I got my day-time job."  
—Wilkesburg, Pa.

"Early in July I wrote you about my niece's mental disorder. I want to thank you for your prayers. She was in Bellevue where she received a series of shock treatments. She reacted fairly well and she was permitted to go home for a trial. I promised an offering to further the Cause of Tekakwitha if she was cured. She is not entirely cured and I feel I should give the offering now because I feel confident that through the Indian girl's intercession she will be normal before long."  
—New York, N. Y.

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#### PETITIONS

Cures . . . . .	5	Apartments Sought . . . . .	3
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Not Specified . . . . .	18		

#### Obituary

Most Rev. Bonaventure F. Broderick, New York, N. Y.  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Hickey, New York, N. Y.  
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