

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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MARTYRS OF OUR TIME

The Boxer uprising in China during the opening year of the century is well nigh forgotten, or lightly passed over by historians, but it is not forgotten by the Church of God, because in that year so many Catholics were put to death for the faith that the Franciscan Order, chief sufferers of the persecution, petitioned for the beatification of nearly two thousand five hundred victims, among them bishops, priests, and devoted laity, men and women.

To simplify the process for this beatification twenty-nine were chosen about whom irrefutable testimony was available: three bishops, four priests, one lay brother, seven women missionaries, fourteen Chinese, all in some way connected with Friars Minor.

As the Martyrdom of these Servants of God is incontestable, no miracles are required to prove that they won the reward of their sacrifice and are now among the Blessed.

Incidentally, the American envoy to China in those troublesome days was so edified by the heroism of these Martyrs and the virtue of his own household Chinese servants, he and his family became Catholics.

AS IT IS TO MANY

"Just the thought of Kateri is a comfort to me. May God bless you, Father."

—Brooklyn.

CAUGHNAWAGA PASTORS

The Venerable Tekakwitha was very soon after her death regarded as a wonder worker, so many and so extraordinary were the favors attributed to her intercession, not only for her own people, the Mohawks, but to the French colonists as well.

That so many of her people have remained steadfast in the faith through the two and a half centuries since her death is by all who know their history ascribed to heavenly intervention. One clear evidence of heavenly favor is the saintly character of those who have had charge of the Caughnawaga reservation. In his book on *Historic Caughnawaga*, Father E. J. Devine writes reverently of these men; all devoted and scholarly, Father Marcoux, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Antoine and Burtin, and Joseph William Forbes, who became Bishop of Joliette and later Archbishop of Ottawa.

Father Burtin was fond of delving into the history of the reservation and its people, and especially of tracing records of the holiness of several of them. Later we may give our readers his findings.

GOD HAS BLESSED HER

"I am enclosing two dollars in thanksgiving for favor received through little Kateri. It is for her Cause. She is wonderful, God bless her."

—Woonsocket, L. I.

SO ALL AGREE

"I am sending a donation I promised some time ago for favors I received through Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, for her Cause. She has helped me in many ways, and I think she is wonderful."

—Louisville, Ky.

MOTHERS' DAY

"I shall appreciate it if you will send this order as early as possible as the children intend to give them as gifts for Mothers' Day."

—Chambersburg, Pa.

"Enclosed find an offering I said I would send you for the Cause of Tekakwitha if I heard from one of my sons overseas before Mothers' Day. Yesterday I received that letter. Thanking the Venerable Catherine for the many favors she has obtained for me."

—St. David, Ill.

QUITE ENOUGH

"I do not know the enrollment or membership fee for the Tekakwitha League, so I am presuming it is \$1.00 per year, and ask that you enroll the name of my brother, S/Sgt. Kevin B. Moore, who is on active duty overseas with the Army Engineers. If the amount is not correct I will be glad to forward the correct amount."

—St. Louis 18, Mo.

"Two months ago I had travelled about 400 miles to find a contract with poor luck. I found nothing and on my way home I told Tekakwitha if she helped me I would send an offering to help her Cause and present her name by distributing pamphlets to the public in front of a church. On my way home that day I booked a \$750 contract. Was I glad! This was my third appeal to her."

—Minneapolis, Minn.

WELL WORN IS THE WORD

"Would you be good enough to send me a couple of the leaflets: Novena for Private Devotion—Kateri Tekakwitha. My son and

I have been saying these devotions for the past seven years and our copy of the leaflet is now pretty well worn." —Bronx, N. Y.

A FREQUENT EXPERIENCE

"I am enclosing \$1.00 and kindly ask you to send me four prayer pictures with the cloth that touched the relic of Tekakwitha as I wish to give them to friends I have told about the help I received by praying to her daily and asking her prayers to help me in my poor health. I have heart trouble and I place the relic over my heart and say the prescribed prayer and I am greatly improved."

—Wichita Falls, Tex.

FROM A PRIEST DEVOTEE

"I have had several happy deaths from cancer through her intercession, but no cures. What I mean by happy deaths are painless and with the last moments pleasurable both for the patient and the family. One lady here had a growth in the throat (cancer) which seems to have disappeared after blessing with relic and a novena."—New York.

AND STILL ANOTHER PRIEST DEVOTEE

"Thank you so much for the relic of Tekakwitha which arrived in good condition. Thanks also for your prayers. I blessed my priest friend with this relic the evening it arrived and we began a novena to Tekakwitha that same evening. Although we did not get the miracle of a cure, she apparently did take him out of his sufferings as he died very peacefully early the next morning."

—St. Louis, Mo.

IN ALL SYMPATHY

"I desire to have one of these reliquaries to wear because I am a Shut In. I also desire to spread devotion to Kateri by sending the other three reliquaries to three people who are afflicted also. If the offering I have enclosed is not sufficient, I shall be glad to send extra, at your request, at a later date."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

WITH PRAYER NOTHING IS HOPELESS

"Last fall I sent in a petition to Kateri for the settlement of a difficult problem. Four days after I wrote to you an opportunity presented itself for the beginning of the settlement which I sought. It came so suddenly that I was surprised. The case seemed hopeless at first, but has been pretty well straightened out. I am enclosing a small offering for the Cause." —Brooklyn, N. Y.

NO LAWSUITS AMONG KATERI'S PEOPLE

"I wish to acknowledge a lawsuit won through prayers to Catherine—Lily of the Mohawks. This suit was won quickly. In thanksgiving am enclosing an offering for promoting her Cause. This one is the second lawsuit in our family won by prayers to her. The first one was reported about two years ago and the decision in favor of my family was a very, very great help. With all my heart I thank Venerable Catherine for her kindness." —San Antonio, Tex.

POOR MISSIONARY! MIGHTY GENEROUS

"I am only a poor missionary among the Sautaux Indians of Lake Winnipeg. Last year I made a promise to Kateri to help her Cause of canonization on condition she helps me enough to complete a chapel I was building on one Indian Reserve (Jack-Head). I needed a thousand dollars. It took her only six months. I had the amount needed. Many thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha. I send you, Father, the amount inclosed to help her Cause."

—Pastor, Matheson Island, Manitoba.

SCHOOL NAMED FOR KATERI

Notwithstanding these difficulties and even though more Indians are absent from the reservation today than ever before, *Tekakwitha School* has this year witnessed the greatest improvement in attendance in its history. Whether or not this is an indication that the Navahos are beginning to realize the advantage of an education, it is proof enough they can send their children to school.

Three sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and a lay teacher have charge of the eight grades of the school and another sister conducts the medical dispensary which is quite generously visited by Indians for first aid treatment. Also employed at the mission are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nagel, of Peoria, Ill., the former discharging the duties of janitor and bus-driver, whilst the latter prepares the noon-day meal for the pupils and attends to the many other domestic duties. Our school bus picks up the children each morning and returns them to their homes after school, covering an average of 65 miles daily. And a faithful bus it has been: three engines have turned its wheels during the last twelve years a distance of more than 105,000 miles.

ALL TAKE TO TEKAKWITHA

"A friend of mine, a non-Catholic, has been dangerously ill with a sickness that is quite slow in curing, a kidney and liver ailment. She is wearing a medal of Kateri, and Blessed Brother Martin, which I gave her. A friend of hers, also a non-Catholic, has given up a teaching position for about eight months to take care of her. She has sent you an offering in the past, and has received her life story from you, and is very much taken up with her and believes in her wonderful help. Today she sent me \$2.00 for additional prayers, and thanksgiving, so I am sending \$1.00 to you and the other I will send to the Blessed Martin Guild. She writes: 'We both believe it is only prayers that have pulled her through,' but she has certain treatments that are very weakening. She is improving slowly, but I, and so do both of them know Little Kateri will intercede for her quick recovery from now on. This great faith of these two non-Catholics is wonderful and as Kateri's intercession with God has overcome the crisis I know He means her to get well and her friend sends this offering trusting it will be soon."

—Milwaukee, Wis.

"Thanksgiving for receiving a sum of money that was much needed."

—New Braunfels, Tex.

"Favor requested has been granted. She is remembered in my daily prayers."

—Lafayette, La.

"Invoked her assistance for a lost article and found it shortly after."

—Hartford, Conn.

"Enclosed you will find donation in thanks for a favor granted to me through the intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha."

—Cincinnati, O.

"Enclosed is check for the 'Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha' in thanksgiving for recovery from sickness of Miss M. K."

—Chenoa, Ill.

"Please accept this small donation in thanks to 'Saint' Catherine Tekakwitha for the many, many favors she has granted me. It is for her Cause."

—Bridgeport, Pa.

"Mrs. J. N. has requested me to send you this money as a token of gratitude for favor received through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha for her Cause."—Newport, R. I.

"Please find enclosed check for ten dollars (\$10.00) as a tribute of 'thanks' to the Iroquois Maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha, who proved herself very generous and very pleasing to God. Many times, the pupils of our

high school have felt her pious intercession and on many occasions her help has been in the form of timely and unbelievable aid.

"Please unite your prayers to our humble one to thank the young virgin whose Cause you sponsor and ask her to shower blessings upon the youth confided to our guidance."

—Sister M., Berlin, N. H.

TEKAKWITHA AND EYE TROUBLE

"Last July the eye specialist told me that I had glaucoma in the left eye and that I might lose the sight. When I started teaching in September it was doubtful if I should be able to do so very long, but now the school year is almost finished and my eye is not any worse. I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha to whom I prayed with my Indian pupils. I am asking her to continue her intercession."

—Blue Quills Indian School,
St. Paul, Alberta.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	7	Financial Aid	3
Employment	2	Relief in Distress	1
Not Specified	34		

PETITIONS

Cures	5	Relief in Distress	10
Financial Aid	11	Safety	15
Spiritual	5	Not Specified	31

Obituary

His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, Brighton, Mass.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Joch, Denville, N. J.

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