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BEATIFICATION AND MIRACLES

Before a Servant of God is declared Blessed it is necessary to prove that two miracles are plainly due to the intercession of that Servant. Ordinarily the miracles required are cures from some human ailment which all known remedies cannot overcome.

The cure must be instantaneous and complete, that is, the change from the incurable condition must occur immediately, and the cure must not be partial or by stages, but complete. This does not mean that the person cured should regain full strength or activity, but that the change from a morbid to a healthy state should be an immediate answer to the prayer or whatever act is performed with a view to obtaining a cure, such as the application of a relic of the Servant of God.

Fortunately for the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha, two such apparently miraculous cures have been performed. One has already been investigated and reported to the Congregation of Rites; the other has been partially investigated and is awaiting the end of the war and the return of two important witnesses from military service.

There is an impression that miracles are more likely to occur while the Cause for the beatification of a Servant of God is in progress, but this is an erroneous impression. The

power of God is not limited to time or other circumstance; and the fact that two alleged miracles are under examination and likely to stand the rigorous test should not lessen our fervor and lead us to cease invoking God's Servant for other miracles still. On the contrary, just because prayer has been answered in a marvelous way our confidence in God's love of His Servant should grow in intensity, and we should do all in our power to increase the glory of the one for whom we hope to bring about exaltation among the Blessed.

THE CLERGY BELIEVE IN TEKAKWITHA

"Years ago I began to say the prayer for her canonization. I have said it every time I have closed my Breviary. Last month we cleared our church debt and I feel sure Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha helped us."

—South Enola, Pa.

"Enclosed is a check to help promote the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha. This is a special offering in thanksgiving for the liquidation of the parish debt. I have placed the financial problem of the parish in the hands of Tekakwitha, and she is doing a splendid job. I am always ready to help her Cause of beatification."

—Trinidad, Col.

"And now to tell you of a special favor received. A former young student of mine had applied for the Society, but was rejected because of health. His parents, and other relatives and the boy himself joined me in daily petition to Kateri, from March 25 to May 24. I had asked her for the answer by Our Blessed Mother's Feast Day (Queen of the Society of Jesus), May 24. It was on that very day that the answer came—in a letter to the boy's mother and father. He is to enter the Novitiate July 30. May she continue her help for him during the long years of training as a Jesuit." —New York.

KATERI AND THE LITTLE ONES

"I have just had a safe, uncomplicated birth of my fourth child, and am enclosing a check to further the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha who I feel is the patron of all our little ones." —Rye, N. Y.

"After interceding with Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha by means of the novena prayers I received my request for a little girl. I also had a spine ailment from which I have been very much relieved." —Dayton, O.

"My story starts last January when I was stricken with arthritis. I laid in bed at home five weeks and then spent two months at the hospital until my son was born. While at home Sister Elizabeth, a White Sister, helped me with my instructions to become a convert. We also made novenas to Katherine Tekakwitha. I really believe she was watching over me when my baby was born. My doctor didn't expect me to pull through as I did. Both the baby and myself are fine and healthy." —Newport, R. I.

KATERI AND NON-CATHOLICS

"Enclosed is one dollar for which I'd like you to send me leaflets, Life and medal. With the remaining, if you have a relic of Tekakwitha, I would appreciate having one. I just recently heard of Tekakwitha and will spread her devotion as best I can. I am a non-Catholic, but I do like the Catholic prayers and have had many favors granted." —Auburn, N. Y.

"I am a Baptist. I have been a great believer in the heavenly power of Kateri Tekakwitha for a long time and have great faith in her. I also have two sons out in the Pacific, one with the Marines, he's 21, and an 18-year-old in the Navy. All their life they have wanted a camp and just recently we found a nice camp for sale on Kayuta Lake and I prayed to Kateri that the deal would go through and at the price we could afford to pay. And it did. The next thing was to give it a name. A name that would really mean something dear to me for my sons. And temporarily I have named it Camp Tekakwitha, but I want to make sure it is with your approval and I hope with all my heart it is. So many people have seen and heard the name since I called it Camp Tekakwitha and I'm always happy when I can tell them where I got the name. And now I have just received the 64-page book on her Life I recently sent for and it will make me happy to let people read it. It seems there's so many people that are now hearing of Kateri for the first time and every one remarks what a beautiful name. I have talked with several Catholic people and they think it's grand for me to call the camp Tekakwitha because they know how much the camp means to me for my sons. I have always felt I would like to help her Cause, and it seems this is my chance." —Ilion, N. Y.

A SIGNAL CURE

"In answer to your letter, I want to tell you that on Ash Wednesday my son was anointed and we were told that he was very, very weak. Blood tests were being made for a transfusion prior to the operation; the foot

and part way up his leg had turned blue. The doctor said to me that he would do all in his power to save his leg, but there was no pulse. The next day, Thursday, I applied the relic to his leg. My son was under opiates or delirious most of the time as the edema had spread up to his waist and the pain was unbearable. We fixed the relic of Tekakwitha around his neck and continued the prayer. That afternoon he seemed to rally a little, and the next morning, Friday, two doctors were consulting over him. One said, 'I'll try once more for the pulse.' He felt long and seriously, first the good foot, then the other foot. Suddenly, he stood up and said, 'It's all right, I've found the pulse.' The surgeon turned to me and said, 'We can save his leg.' All this time I kept the possibility of amputation to myself. I did not tell my son's wife nor my husband, hoping to spare them any undue worry. It was no easy task, but I offered it up to God as a sacrifice.

"I must tell you that we also had a relic of Mother Seton and the Little Flower and prayed very hard to Mother Cabrini, but the application and prayers to Tekakwitha preceded these by three days. My son is still unable to get around very much and needs plenty of prayers so that he may get back to work. He has not worked for almost six months.

"I did not know about the priest with the same name as ours. My mother, a convert, had a cousin, also a convert, in the Jesuit Order, Father Samuel Frisbee. He has long since passed away. We have a daughter, a nun in the Vincentian Sisters of Charity. She is working among the Negroes in Alabama.

"Thank you, Father, for your interest in this case. I forgot to mention that my son was in — Hospital at the time of his illness. There isn't a Catholic in the place, as far as we know, except some of the help. So, of course, the doctors take all the credit

in this case. They don't seem to realize that they were being guided by God, through our prayers."
—Jamaica, L. I.

"Will you kindly send me a few copies of the novena prayer to Catherine Tekakwitha and one copy of her Life. I have promised to spread devotion to her."

—Worcester, Mass.

For Tekakwitha leaflets in Spanish there is quite a call from places in Mexico and along the border. Accordingly, we have had printed a new edition just like the leaflets in English.

To reproduce the large picture of Tekakwitha in colors would be next to impossible in this country owing to war restrictions. We have, therefore, imported a lot from Canada, which are an improvement on our own. They were made before the war. They are lithographed in eight colors. They differ in size but only slightly from ours.

To avoid the expense of framing them and make them safe for mailing we have had them mounted on firm board.

FROM AN OCTOGENARIAN

"Those 83 years of age which are mine should at least deserve some of your indulgence. We send you, my daughter and I, \$10.00—a little help in the great Cause of the Canonization of the Venerable Kateri. She is always the same to me, Father, as I already told you she continues to bring my medicine—and I always remain unworthy of the great favor. Do help me to thank her and to make me better realize the grandeur of her powerful intercession. Bless me, Father, and all my large family. No direct news from China, Edouard always a prisoner."
—Chicago, Ill.

"I know she has been helping me. I have heart trouble. I don't think I can be cured, but I am feeling much better since I have been praying to her."—Grand Rapids, Mich.

"In thanksgiving for payment of debt which seemed impossible."

—San Francisco, Cal.

"The enclosed for Tekakwitha League. Thanksgiving for favor received."

—Youngstown, O.

"I am enclosing offering to further the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha, in thanksgiving for a favor received."

—Smiths Falls, Ont., Can.

"Enclosed please find offering in thanksgiving to Little Catherine for graces obtained."

—Opelousas, La.

"I wish to acknowledge a favor granted me by Kateri Tekakwitha."—Kingston, N. J.

". . . for her help in finding missing articles."

—Hartford, Conn.

"Enclosed is thanksgiving for blessings received."

—Dayton, O.

"Enclosed please find a donation to the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, she has been so wonderful."

—Hillside, Md.

"Enclosed please find a token of gratitude to Kateri Tekawitha for favors received. Mrs. J. N. has requested me again to send you this offering."

—Newport, R. I.

"I would like to say I have great faith and admiration for Katherine Tekakwitha. She has rewarded me many times. I feel that through her help my friend, now overseas, will continue to be safe."

—Paris, Tenn.

"I am writing for my aunt, Sr. M. G., who is ill in West Chester; for some time she had been asking Catherine for a favor and in the midst of her illness she got the favor."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

"The writer sends this expression of gratitude in fulfillment of a promise to publish a favor received through the intercession of the Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha. I wish I could do something worthwhile to make sufficient return for God's good favors."

—Portland, Ore.

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Not Specified	30		

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. James W. Stenson, Omaha, Neb.

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