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THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## REPORTING FAVORS RECEIVED THROUGH TEKAKWITHA

As readers of this monthly message well know those who invoke the aid of this Venerable Servant of God are faithful in reporting favors received. Were the message double its size space would still be needed to publish all the reports that come from grateful petitioners.

With pleasure, also, readers must observe that these reports are neatly composed. Seldom is it necessary to change a word in them, and then only to avoid styling Kateri as saint or blessed before the Church has declared her such. The reports are printed as they are written and need no editing.

There is one thing, however, that must be said about reporting favors received through the intercession of Tekakwitha, and it is serious. Very often favors that are altogether extraordinary, cures especially, are reported

when it is too late to inquire further about them. Cures that are apparently miraculous are frequently reported a year or more after they have occurred when it is impossible to get proper testimony about them, opinions of doctors or nurses, hospital or other medical records.

Then, too, there is a common fear of reporting cures that are more than ordinary, for the reason that few know how to go about it, though it is a simple matter. Just give the name of the patient, the residence and time and nature of the illness; the name and residence and opinions of the doctors; nurses concerned; the fact that Tekakwitha was invoked in the case, and the fact that the change in the condition of the patient occurred unexpectedly, at once, and without curative remedy.

## Aluminum Medals Again

So whether the war is near at an end or not, we are going to get aluminum again and there is a possibility that we shall get some for our Tekakwitha medals. It does not require much to strike them off; but war spelled backward is raw, and we have had surely some dispensers of material who were

as raw as the material; so they clamped down on everything they could. Now there is a letup and it is very welcome. If there is one thing boys in the service prize dearly it is a pious medal, easy to wear, easy to keep and the best of reminders. So here's to the hope we may soon have back aluminum medals.

"Two weeks ago I appealed to Kateri Tekakwitha to send us some employees, promising to send an offering to further the Cause of her beatification. In the interval four persons have come asking for employment in addition to two others who reported for duty sooner than they were expected. The work of all six promises to be satisfactory. I enclose this check in gratitude."

—Seattle, Wash.

"It must be a year since you have written to Edward K. asking him to help promote the Cause of Tekakwitha, and I know he had great faith in her intercession. It will be two yeras on the 1st of August that Edward is in the service. So, Father, I am sending a donation in his name to help further her canonization. It is his money, so I beg you, Father, to say all the prayers for him."

—West Hazleton, Pa.

"Not long ago I asked your prayers for my son, who was on a minesweeper, and they were surely answered. One day last week his division officer stopped him and asked if he would like to have a college education. He was greatly surprised at this sudden question, was interviewed, and he and five other boys were sent from a large base. He starts school today and, in thanksgiving, I am enclosing an offering for the Cause of Tekakwitha."

—Wilkinsburg, Pa.

"The ear operation was successful and Bessie was coming along well, although suffering very much. On June 1 she became very ill again, running a temperature. She developed a brain abscess at the base of the skull—before operating the abscess had ruptured, and the pus entered the spinal canal causing meningitis. A brain specialist operated and gave us absolutely no hope. We spent most of our time at the hospital, expecting every breath to be the last. I had my relic of little Kateri and Ted had his, the ones which you gave us. We took turns just

holding and rubbing the relic on her head. For seven days she was in a coma, doctors were amazed that she was living. Still we never gave her up and asked the little Indian girl to plead with our dear Lord if it was His Will for her to live. The new drug, penicillin, was used extensively. Even with that the doctors said nothing but a miracle could cure her. Well, something like a miracle happened, and she is really coming along although still very ill.

"Twice a day her spine had to be punctured, fluid taken, and penicillin put in. She was just burning away with fever. Now for three days, her temperature is normal and there are no spinal punctures, so, Father, pray that the meningitis germ is killed. You can imagine how we and everyone who knew her just stormed heaven.

"I, myself, give all credit to our little Kateri because immediately after the operation I spoke to both surgeons and each said there was no hope; only a miracle could do it. I immediately started to get little Kateri's help. I have great faith in her, and I am sure she is right close to our dear Lord, as she helps me so much. Bessie is the wonder of the hospital, and all the doctors are amazed. I knew you would be glad to know about your little Indian favorite, and what power of intercession she has. I know, too, that you will understand why I did not write and tell you before. Pray hard, won't you, Father, that she may keep on improving if it is God's Will. The new drug is so new to them that they could not tell just how it was going to work. So I am sure prayer did it all, and the drug helped with the prayers and Masses. Enclosed, Father, you will find a small offering. Will you say a Mass for my sister; she will be so happy to have you say it. Also a Mass for my two boys: Richard, who is taking part in this invasion, and Joseph in the Pacific—that our Lord will keep them both very close to His loving Heart."

—Dedham, Mass.

"The little girl who played Tekakwitha in our big play about six years ago is taking the habit in our Order this August."

—Colorado Springs.

"I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge my thanks for favors received through her intercession. I promised acknowledgment if we had success in our financial problems in this parish under difficult circumstances last year. We had success and so this acknowledgment of our thanks."

—Pastor, Austin, Minn.

"Please send me some relic pictures and about 100 medals of Katherine Tekakwitha. Kindly send them special delivery as I would like to have them to distribute to the members of the Tekakwitha Club which we have organized. I am enclosing an offering for same."

—Columbus, O.

"Space does not permit me to tell you of all the favors granted to people I know who have invoked the intercession of Venerable Kateri. When I have the opportunity I shall be delighted to relate these happy experiences to you in person."

—New York.

"As you are reading our little *Gossip* you will notice that in the number we are sending out with this letter we are trying to give Venerable Kateri a boost. I hope we may have the happiness of being able to report something worthwhile to you in God's good time. As He hears every prayer He can hardly help answering one or other of our novenas to Kateri in a sense that will help much for the spread of her devotion here, even though we may not be able to contribute a miracle that would stand the test at Rome."

—Hooper Bay, Alaska.

"A friend of mine is very ill and her very close friend sent the offering and also this one. Neither one is Catholic, but they have great faith in prayer. I told them of Little

Kateri a long time ago. This friend of mine has been ill for a long time and at times she improves and then again she gets quite ill and doctors' efforts seem of no avail. Please beg the Little Lily to petition heaven in her behalf, and also for her friend who sends this offering. Please pray for us, too, dear Father."

—Milwaukee, Wis.

"The enclosed check is sent to fulfill a promise I made to the Venerable Tekakwitha on the 24th of March when I escaped the Grim Reaper the second time in four years. A case of bronchial pneumonia, kidney and bladder obstruction, the latter a result of too much sulfa drug. I was on the table for four hours, two doctors alternating to get the sulfa-crystals out of kidney and bladder. After they got through the Bishop, who was on hand, ordered that I be anointed, which I was. I am not positive, but I was thinking of Kateri, promising this if I would recover. I did. But sure or not of the promise, here is the money!"

—Bismarck, N. D.

"The enclosed is an offering for a Mass and to help in the Cause of Blessed Kateri. This offering is in thanksgiving for a favor received—the sale of a house owned by the mother of one of our sisters. Sister asked for prayers, so I placed the cause in the hands of Kateri with the understanding that if the prayer was answered an offering would be sent to help in the Cause of the 'Lily of the Mohawks'; this I am forwarding as requested."

—Long Island City, N. Y.

"Kateri is powerful in many ways, especially when her aid is sought in cases of illness, as I have just experienced. I prayed to her faithfully for months for the cure of an ailment, and just recently for the healing of a badly cut finger without further complications. In both cases I applied a second-class relic of hers. Both of these favors have been granted."

—Mankato, Minn.



"For some time I have intended to ask you to publish thanksgiving for favor received through Venerable Catherine."

—El Paso, Tex.

"Kateri has once again favored a very special request of mine and I am sending the money in thanksgiving." —Norwich, Conn.

"I am enclosing offering for the Cause which I promised to send in thanksgiving for a favor received through her intercession."

—Smiths Falls, Ont., Can.

"Please accept this small sum to further the Cause of Kateri through whom I have received numerous favors." —Geneva, N. Y.

"Enclosed one dollar as a thanksgiving towards a Mass for the speedy raising to Sainthood of Kateri Tekakwitha for small favors received."

—Brooklyn.

"Sincere thanks are offered to Kateri Tekakwitha for improvement of hearing. Relic of Kateri was applied and prayer said. Publication was promised. I am very grateful."

—New York.

"Enclosed is a small offering for the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha. I promised it if my mother would be better. She has returned from Rochester, Minn., much improved, and no operation necessary."

—Rudyard, Mich.

"I have a two-month-old daughter named 'Kateri Marie' and am asking Kateri Tekakwitha to watch over her. An operation was performed when she was seventeen days old. We all made a novena to Tekakwitha and my baby is doing remarkably well. I feel we owe it to the 'Lily of the Mohawks.'"

—Houston, Tex.

"I wish to make acknowledgment of a temporal favor obtained through the intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha, a promotion in my employment. Enclosed is check to be used in some way to further the Cause of her Beatification." —Washington, D. C.

"This is just a small offering in thanksgiving for favor received through the intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha. Just today I received word that my son now serving in the Navy is safe and well." —Baltimore.

"Please find enclosed \$2.00 for a Mass of thanksgiving to Kateri Tekakwitha for my son's successful college report which means so much to him, and for great relief from trouble I been having for some years. I had gone through two operations and they did not help me much. Before praying to her for her intercession to God I thought I would have to go through another operation. The doctor said it was up to me to decide what to do. Thanks to God, and to Kateri. She has also granted me other favors."

—New Orleans, La.

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