

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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TEKAKWITHA AMONG HER OWN

Our readers may recall that in the LILY OF THE MOHAWKS for February we remarked that: "She is known to her Indian peoples in this country, but the knowledge must be made more intimate and develop hearty devotion."

Without any suggestion on our part comes a letter from a Sioux Indian in a distant military camp reading as follows:

"I wanted to help in the Cause for beatification of the Venerable Tekakwitha and sent all my copies of the leaflet on which there is a picture of the Venerable and a brief historical account of her life and Cause for beatification to friends back home. I translated the prayer into Sioux and sent it to Father Buechel, St. Francis Mission, South Dakota. He made several changes for theological reasons and now it is perfect with the prayer in English. I have just finished translating the historical summary and will send it with my last copy of the leaflet to Father Buechel. If you have any copies kindly send me a few at your earliest convenience.

"Let me know how much it will cost to print about 1,000 of the leaflet in Sioux, which may be folded in two pages, and the same number of the one in English."

—Pfc. Adelbert C. Thunder Hawk.

Needless to say, we shall be pleased to print the leaflet in Sioux as soon as we shall have heard from Father Buechel, and gradually we shall endeavor to have Thunder Hawk's ex-

ample followed by members of the Indian tribes until they shall all have accounts of their own 'glory' (as they call her) done by themselves and in their own way.

MEDALS — AT LAST

We are happy to put up with our inconveniences due to war, though so many of them are caused by persons trying to make profit out of war, but we are more happy still when the inconveniences are overcome.

For nearly eight months we have been trying to get medals of Tekakwitha. They are in great demand for our men at war. At last we have succeeded in getting dies made and starting a run of medals on the ordinary metal. Meanwhile it was possible to have some run off in sterling silver. They are fine work, but for them we must ask sixty cents a piece.

TEKAKWITHA PAGEANT

In accordance with the direction of Most Reverend Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, the Metropolitan Sodality Union will sponsor, with the support of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade and the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood, a pageant on the life of Kateri Tekakwitha in the Municipal Auditorium on March 21 and 22. Both home and foreign missions will share in the net proceeds.

A PATRIOT MOTHER — ONE OF MANY

"My son tried to enlist in the Navy five months ago, but was not accepted, owing to bad eyes. Since I have prayed to Tekakwitha and when called to report for draft he was accepted in Navy. I have received many favors for my son who is serving in the Air Force in France." —Pittsburgh, Pa.

GIFT IN REVERSE

"Today is my birthday and I am going to celebrate it in one way by sending you the enclosed money-order to help the Catherine Tekakwitha Cause, to show, in a small way, my appreciation for the many favors received from Catherine. Will you kindly say a prayer for a special intention of mine?"

—Norwich, Conn.

AN ARMY WOMAN

"My husband and I have prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha for five years and have received many favors. My husband is now in the Army and we are praying for a special favor which I hope will be granted. Further, will you please say a prayer along with us. Father, you have my brother's name on your mailing list; he has been in the Coast Guard for three years. He has just left port on a dangerous mission. Please say a prayer for his safety." —Philadelphia, Pa.

NON-CATHOLIC CLIENT

"I wish to make public announcement of a wonderful favor Catherine, 'Lily of the Mohawks,' did for a non-Catholic friend. Through daily prayer of mine I requested that he receive, before Christmas, over-time money due him amounting to around \$1,000. On December 22, 1944, a check for \$1,029 was handed him by his firm for which he is very grateful. This gentleman has given me five dollars for a Mass to be said in thanksgiving, and hopes for the canonization of Catherine very soon." —Kansas City, Mo.

AS EASY AS THAT

"... wish that you would please send me some novena leaflet prayers to Catherine Tekakwitha. I want her to help me; I am sick here at the State sanatorium, but I am praying to her so I'll get well soon and be home with my folks. I've been here for four months now. One of my roommates showed me her novena leaflet and said that a priest gave it to her fourteen years ago and said that the priest asked the people to pray to Tekakwitha so we would have a new church and we do have a new church now. I would like to make a novena myself."

—San Haven, N. D.

GENUINE PATRIOTISM

"Several months ago I never thought I would be as fortunate as I am today, for then I truly thought myself unfit for service to my country. However, a few days after Christmas I was informed of the opening of a new Navy program (V-6) which I wanted to join at all costs. My father went with me to the recruiting station to see if I passed the physical requirements. On the way down with my father I promised a gift to Kateri Tekakwitha if she would help me to make the grade. I did make the grade and, as I promised, I enclose the gift to help with Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification."

—Grosse Pointe, Mich.

TEKAKWITHA PORTRAIT

A remarkable example of Tekakwitha portraiture is that of Brother Adrian Lewis, F.S.C., of Manhattan College, New York, the etching of her picture on an autumn maple leaf. The lacy pattern left by insects on autumn leaves gave the original inspiration for this unusual work. Halftone effects are secured by penetrating the texture of the leaf to different microscopic depths. The veins and cell-structure of the leaf are still intact. The maple leaf, emblematic of Canada, Tekakwitha's adopted country, is the medium for the portrayal of our heroine.

MARVELOUS CURE

"I prayed to Catherine Tekakwitha and promised her an offering if I got well. I am enclosing part of it and will send the rest as soon as I get back to work. I had a very serious operation and I asked her to make this operation successful, as I had one before from which I got no relief. I am almost well and all due to Catherine Tekakwitha. Doctors told me they could not promise me that it would help. I will be eternally grateful for this marvel. I also had neuritis in both hands and arms so bad nothing would do any good. So I placed my hands on the relic of Catherine Tekakwitha and it relieved the pain after only a few minutes."

—San Antonio, Tex.

UNTUTORED SAVAGE AND MODERN SCHOOL CHILD

"I just want to express my thanks for the favors I have received through praying to Kateri, 'Lily of the Mohawks.' I prayed to her so my little girl's school work would be better, and my nephew's school work would get better because they were going to take him out of a Catholic school and send him to public school. The next time my girl received her report card she had six A's—she never had an A before, and my nephew received one A and improved in his other work. I am sure that it was little Kateri who helped them. I am also praying to her for a safe child-birth, and if it is a girl I am going to name her Kathleen in honor of Kateri."

—Chicago, Ill.

KATERI'S OWN EYES WERE AFFECTED

"I am enclosing an offering for Masses for the early beatification and canonization Cause of Lily of the Mohawks. I feel that I am being granted a continuous favor, through her intercession, in that my eyes are keeping in good condition, and I am not compelled to wear bifocal glasses, which would be a handicap to me in my work. A

few years ago, before having my eyes examined (I have worn glasses for years), I applied a relic of Kateri to my eyes, asking her to pray for me, so that I would not need the bifocal glasses, and the oculist remarked that my eyes had 'kept their youth to an amazing degree.' I will continue to pray for her Cause."

—Gary, Ind.

NOTHING LIKE PERSEVERANCE

"My husband gave me twenty-five dollars from some farm income, so I want to send some of it to you. My husband bought this farm in payments shortly before his banking business failed, and since we were without money the liability was paid by the month. It was a real struggle to hold on to the farm. I was making my first novena to the Lily of the Mohawks when we raised a lease on the farm. It was all we could do to raise the rest that was due and finally got the farm in our name after ten years of worry. Incidentally the request I was making hasn't been granted. Please remind Kateri it surely would be appreciated if she would add that to our many other favors. I have made the request for over ten years and will remember her Cause when granted."

—Kansas City, Mo.

CHILDREN HER FAVORITES

"About two months ago a little boy from our school was suddenly stricken with an illness that bore the symptoms of meningitis. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where the disease was diagnosed as meningitis. A group of our children and I began a novena to Kateri. On the very first day of the novena, there was a remarkable change. Further examinations failed to agree with the original diagnosis. The little fellow was able to eat and rest comfortably. We attribute this to Kateri's intercession. The child's mother has requested that I send to you the small donation that you will find herewith, as a very small token of thanksgiving to Venerable Tekakwitha."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

"In thanksgiving to Kateri Tekakwitha for financial favor received."—St. Louis, Mo.

"This is for the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, who has obtained another real favor." —Lincoln, Neb.

"For thanksgiving in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha for favors received through a novena made in her honor."—West Bend, Wis.

"Enclosed please find an offering for a special favor I'm asking of her. Also want to thank her for other favors I have received through her help." —Lexington, Ky.

"Enclosed is a small offering which I promised the 'Lily of the Mohawks' to further her Cause. I pray to her daily for my intentions and she is always right there with her helping hand." —Long Beach, Cal.

"My sister joins with me by the enclosed offering for the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha and thank her for so many favors which we ascribe to her intercession."

—North Lancaster, Canada.

"I am enclosing offering in thanksgiving to Kateri for having given assistance to Mrs. P. for saving her sugar crop."

—Thibodaux, La.

"Enclosed find \$1.00 which I promised the Lily of the Mohawks for favor I asked for my mother, who has heart trouble. Father, she never fails me, she answers all my prayers. She is wonderful." —Houston, Tex.

"Thank you, Father. Ten years ago I subscribed to the *Companion* and learned about this 'Lily of the Mohawks.' I've received wonderful favors through her, near miracles. I hope and pray for her early canonization." —Zanesville, O.

"I have received several favors through her intercession. I first became interested in her when we chose her as the patroness of a mission circle I organized in my home town." —Lawler, Wis.

"Many thanks to 'Katherine, Lily of the Mohawks,' for better health, and hearing, safe trip to dentist, success in contest writings, and other favors, too numerous to mention. Father, I am having a novena of Masses said for her canonization now."—Dayton, O.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	2	Promotion	2
Financial Aid	3	Spiritual	2
Not Specified	47		

PETITIONS

Cures	5	Safety	5
Financial Aid	6	Relief in Distress	8
Not Specified	30		

Obituary

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cashin, New York, N. Y.
Rev. John J. Foran, Whitinsville, Mass.
Mrs. Anna I. Arnold, Houghton, Mich.
Mrs. H. Dittlinger, New Braunfels, Tex.

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