

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## 1688-1945

Away back in 1688, two hundred and fifty-seven years ago, the Bishop of Quebec, Jean de St. Vallier, whose jurisdiction extended to our New Orleans, visited the Mission of La Prairie, where Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha had died eight years before, and the report of his visit tells how French and Indians "speak admiringly of a certain Katharine who was its principal foundation-stone, and who from her Baptism maintained her Christian character by the great purity of her life.

"It is there (in the new site of the Mission) one beheld in the person of Katharine the first Christian virgin the Iroquois nation has given to the Church of Jesus Christ . . . and God works many marvels at the tomb of this wonderful maiden."

Now after these two centuries and a half His Excellency, the Archbishop of New Orleans, Joseph Francis Rummel is so entirely in accord with his ancient predecessor that he has deemed the life of the Indian Maiden worthy of a pageant presented on a grand scale in the Municipal Auditorium of his see city.

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Union of the Parish Sodalities of Our Lady, the pageant was arranged under the Reverend Mother Mary Xavier, Provincial of the Marist Sisters of the Holy Cross, and pre-

sented by the students of Holy Angels Academy. It consisted of nine episodes in the life of Tekakwitha, chosen for the purpose of making known her charm and virtues, and of creating interest in the Cause for her canonization. As His Excellency remarked, it was "spiritually inspiring and artistically elevating." The costumes, lighting, singing, dancing, to judge from the photographs, were all in excellent taste. To Rev. Vernon P. Aleman, Moderator of the Sodalities and Narrator of the story of Tekakwitha, much credit is due. The Episodes were:

Tekakwitha's Orphaned Childhood

Arrival of the Blackrobes

Tekakwitha's Love of the Cross

Tekakwitha's Baptism of Desire

Tekakwitha, a Child of God

Tekakwitha's Heroism

Tekakwitha's Flight to Xavier Mission

Tekakwitha's Vow—Seraphic Death

It is a far cry from Caughnawaga near Montreal to New Orleans, but the glory of our Venerable Servant of God has been made to transcend the distance, and the Missions abroad and at home are to benefit by the proceeds.

What could be more appropriate—the pearl of price of the long-ago Mission becoming a source of aid for Missions today!

## HANDSOME

"Incidentally I would like to pay for the printing of the leaflets in the Sioux language if it will be agreeable to Private Thunder-Hawk."

—New York.

## EVEN THERE

"Jane just got a part in a picture due to prayers. The name is Katrina in this picture. Extension on income taxes and I promised publication if we received the money in time. We are thankful we were able to pay a note off on time."

—Hollywood, Cal.

## GRATEFUL TO DO THE WORK

"Enclosed please find offering to further the Cause of little Kateri. I like her very much and am exceedingly grateful to you for your work in her behalf. May the Lord bless you for your kindness and may her canonization come in the near future."

—Perth Amboy, N. J.

## HAPPY WITH REASON

"I am happy to tell you the spot, that held the threat of cancer, is gradually getting better through the intercession of 'Kateri.' Please continue to ask her that it may be cured permanently if God so wills in His own way. I feel her help, too, in other things."

—Punxsutawney, Pa.

## THE PRAYER REWARDED

"I wish to make acknowledgment of several favors received through intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha and the Sacred Heart. I assure you I shall continue to recite the prayer for her Canonization and wish you every success in your work."

—Vancouver, Canada.

## CLOCK WORK

"The enclosed I promised Little Catherine to send to you towards the Cause for her Beatification and would have it published. I have made novenas to her for help financially, and every time the day my novena ended I got a telephone call from my broker that he has sold stock and made me money."

—Carrollton, O.

"I was so distressed the other day; my nephew whom I have brought up, now 19 and in the Navy, is a very wonderful boy and I had not heard from him in six weeks. He was always good in writing so I looked at your letter and I said Kateri Tekakwitha you can earn something if I hear from John tomorrow. What do you think? He walked in. Many thanks to the Lily of the Mohawks."

—Great Neck, N. Y.

## KATERI'S EYES WERE AFFECTED

"I have a sister-in-law who had very sore eyes—she could not see and a doctor was treating them without much success. Father Vincent K., O.P., gave her a picture of our beloved Kateri with the relic. She is a great lover of Kateri. Her family are all impressed. I want to send some of the pictures to them, too."

—Aurora, Ill.

## WHAT TO DO WITHOUT HER

"Enclosed is offering for favor received from the Lily of the Mohawks. I received a wonderful position through her intercession. She obtained so many favors for me I just don't know what I would do without the little Lily of the Mohawks. Also send me a dozen leaflets of Nos. 1 and 2 so I can distribute them."

—St. Louis, Mo.

## MAY HE STILL BE FAVORED

"I am enclosing a check which represents an offering given me by Mr. A. As I have explained on several other occasions, Mr. A. is a Quaker by origin and has great faith in 'Venerable Catherine.' On each occasion which he has asked me to pray to 'Little Catherine' for his request, she has by her intercession come to his aid. Just recently he was successful in obtaining several Government contracts which meant steady employment for his men. In thanksgiving he gave me this money to send you. However, just last night, I received a call from him telling me that the work has been cancelled."

—Drexel Hill, Pa.

## MAY THEY BE ANSWERED!

"When I was in the hospital very sick and was not getting on as well as I should, a friend sent me a little leaflet for a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha. I made the novena and I am feeling a little better now, but far from all better. I have great faith that my prayers as well as of the many that are praying with me will be answered favorably."

—West Hartford, Conn.

## REMARKABLE INDEED

"I wish to announce a remarkable recovery through the intercession of Blessed Catherine Tekakwitha. About a year and a half ago it was necessary for me to have an operation. Upon operating the doctor found more trouble than he had anticipated and for a few days he feared for my life. A friend brought a relic of 'Blessed Catherine' to the hospital and it was applied every day. In a few days I showed remarkable improvement. A second operation was necessary after six weeks and again I nearly died. At the time it was thought the second operation was not successful and I left the hospital believing a third and more extensive operation would be necessary some time. After six months, thanks to the intercession of the Venerable Kateri, the dear Sacred Heart, Our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph and Infant of Prague, the third operation was never necessary. The doctor said it was something beyond his efforts that healed me. It was the second person he saw recover in a remarkable way through the use of the relic. I am enclosing a check as an offering in honor of Venerable Catherine. Would you please say a Mass in honor of her in thanksgiving for this wonderful favor granted to me through her intercession."

—Nyack, N. Y.

"I am enclosing an Easter offering to further the Cause of Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks. She has always answered my petition."

—Chicago, Ill.

## HOW KATERI MUST LIKE THESE

"We have favors received from Kateri Tekakwitha and our confidence in her intercession is growing. Would you kindly offer five holy Masses in her honor; enclosed is a \$10 Defense Stamp Book."—Monterey, Cal.

"Please find enclosed offering for 'Mass of Thanksgiving' in honor of Tekakwitha for favor granted—restoring my health after a year and a half of illness."—Portland, Me.

"I promised a Mass and publication if I would get well without an operation. Thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha, no operation was necessary. Also a friend of mine was to have a major operation which was averted through her intercession."

—Tucson, Ariz.

## AGAIN, THE EYES

"I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha for the success of an operation on my left eye. After the operation it was doubtful but that a second operation might be required. I promised to write if she would help me and after eight days the specialist found the eye reformed beautifully and all was fine."

—St. Albert, Alberta, Canada.

## HELPING BODY AND SOUL

"When a recent convert wanted to bring back to Catholic practice a fallen-away Catholic it was impossible to apply a relic of Kateri. She went to the hospital to give him the relic, but he had been taken home. The convert and the fallen-away were acquainted in business only. When the fallen-away returned to work the convert felt that a golden opportunity had been lost, at least a death-bed reconciliation to the faith seemed out of the question. The fallen-away showed unmistakable signs of a happier frame of mind as he returned to work. Without the relic he prepared for confession and return to Catholic practice after years of indifference. Our prayers to Kateri seemed sufficient for a cure of soul and body."—San Antonio, Tex.



"Two special favors received, a young girl preserved from ruin and successful trip."

—British Honduras.

"An offering for Little Tekakwitha's Cause. I am grateful to her for many favors."

—Bangor, Me.

"Enclosed you will find offering in thanksgiving for favor I received for myself and another."

—Lawrenceburg, Ind.

"The enclosed check is sent in thanksgiving for favors received through Little Catherine."

—New York.

"My son came home safe from overseas. I am praying to Kateri Tekakwitha that he won't have to go back."

—Columbus, O.

"The enclosed check is in appreciation of a favor obtained for me by Kateri Tekakwitha, whom I pray to every day."

—Los Angeles, Cal.

"P.S.—Inclosed is \$15.00 which I promised the 'Lily of the Mohawks' to further her Cause, for blessings bestowed on my friends and myself."

—Alexandria, La.

"I herewith enclose offering in thanksgiving from my sister, Matilda, for a favor received through her intercession."

—North Lancaster, Canada.

"Enclosed please find a check to use towards your Cause for Tekakwitha. We have received many favors through her interces-

sion and are sending this offering in thanksgiving."

—Elmont, N. Y.

"Enclosed is a small contribution toward furthering the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha. I am sure her intercession aided in the recovery of a friend who was expected not to live."

—New Orleans, La.

"I made a novena to Tekakwitha for my brother so they would not have to break the bone again. Thank God, my prayer was answered and I promised I would publish it."

—Flushing, N. Y.

"Thanksgiving to Our Venerable Tekakwitha for favors received—safe delivery of baby, welfare of mother (my daughter-in-laws), also recovery of my grandchild's condition from a persistent cold."

—Alexandria, La.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	2	Property Sale .....	1
Examination Success ..	1	Financial Aid .....	4
Not Specified .....	50		

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	4	Financial Aid .....	6
Property Sale .....	2	Safety .....	10
Not Specified .....	20		

#### Obituary

Rev. James J. O'Connor, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Rev. E. F. Callahan, Nassau, Bahamas.  
 Rev. Joseph E. Bergan, New York, N. Y.  
 Mr. Michael J. Byrne, Cheyenne, Wis.  
 Mr. James F. McCarthy, Wallace, Idaho.

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