

## THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



## THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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### VERY GOOD NEWS

As our readers well know the Apostolic Process on one of the remarkable cures attributed to Venerable Tekakwitha was suspended awaiting the testimonies of the principal physician in the case and of the brother of the patient. They were off on military service, one overseas and one in a distant camp, both difficult to trace. Even after tracing them special instruction was needed for taking depositions and to get this by communication with Rome was painfully slow.

The January number of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS announced the receipt of this instruction. Just as soon as the whereabouts of the two witnesses had been traced, the acting chancellor of the diocese in which the remarkable cure had occurred lost no time in obtaining the needed testimonies and soon the Process complete will be on its way to the Congregation of Rites.

Some day the writer will tell how many obstacles stand in the way of having a Servant of God declared a Saint. Just now suffice it to mention some obstacles that threatened further delay, the absence of the bishop of the diocese owing to poor health; the inactivity of his chancellor who had been very seriously injured in an accident; and still another member of the tribunal conducting this Process in the hospital. In spite of all, the good work goes on. It is a reason for

thanksgiving to God, to His Servant Tekakwitha and to those who persist in advancing her Cause no matter what obstacles come in the way. It is an occasion also for continued prayer that all may now proceed favorably.

#### AT CAUGHNAWAGA AND LA PRAIRIE

Sunday, May 20, was the hundredth anniversary of the blessing of the cornerstone which has been used in the six churches built on it during that time at Caughnawaga. On June 17 there will be an historical pageant to memorialize the origin of the famous mission.

At La Prairie, a former site of the mission, about four miles down the great St. Lawrence, the pastor has ready a design for a permanent monumental cross to be erected over the tomb of Tekakwitha, and an inviting shelter for pilgrims who wish to pray at the site where from the time of her burial so many remarkable blessings have been obtained through her intercession.

And now we may join in the general exultation over the cessation of hostilities in Europe. Among the many petitions for the intercession of Tekakwitha none were more numerous and fervent than were those for the young men fighting there.

April 4, 1945.

Dear Father:

Your kind letter of February 1st with the happy information that Ven. Katherine Tekakwitha's Cause for her canonization will rapidly proceed at Rome due to the examination of the second miracle attributed to her intercession brings joy to the hearts of the Indians and Eskimos of Alaska, who are most interested in the Cause of this Indian maiden.

While writing this letter, an Indian, who is descended from those tribes converted by our great Bishop Seghers, came into my room with an Easter offering to help meet my expenses of travel, and I do not think that I can do anything better than to send it to you to help along the Cause of Tekakwitha's canonization. May your zealous labors be soon crowned with success!

Wishing you the best of joys and blessings during this happy Eastertide, I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ WALTER J. FITZGERALD, S.J.,  
Holy Cross, Alaska.

#### STILL A WONDER WORKER

"When we started to build our new church in 1939 I put the finances under the care of Venerable Tekakwitha. The church furnished costs a little over \$125,000. I was quite apprehensive since we had only \$25,000 on hand. But thanks to that wonderful Venerable Tekakwitha we are out of debt completely and I often wonder how we did it. I feel sure she had something to do with it. Inclosed is an offering, but it is not the last one."

—Cleveland.

#### KATERI KNEW THE CAMP FIRE

"I am a leader of a group of Camp Fire girls and we have chosen Catherine Tekakwitha as our patroness. There are eight groups sponsored by our church, St. Dominic's, and every third Sunday of the month we receive Communion in a body, along with

the Boy Scouts. Once a year, in May, a special service is held, at which the girls' Camp Fire scarfs are blessed, etc. At this service we would like our Spiritual Director to present pictures or medals of Catherine to the girls with perfect Communion attendance records. If you have a large-size picture of Catherine, suitable for framing, my group would like to hang one in our meeting place."

—Youngstown, O.

#### MEDICAL AID AND PRAYER

"I feel I am very belated in acknowledging the marvel that has happened through little Kateri's intercession for myself and my darling little daughter. Two years ago I was ill, just two remaining months before my little girl was born. I had to be in bed so I invoked little Kateri to help me; and when I was in the hospital doctors didn't have any hope for the baby or me. My family was called and so was my parish priest. My sister took the medal of little Kateri and pinned it on me beside my relic cross. And then things began to happen. My husband insisted on having a specialist. The doctors ordered transfusion. After being in the surgery a short while they took me back into the delivery room, my little girl was born and she and I were well on the road to health without a scratch."—Grand Rapids, Mich.

#### A DELICATE SCRUPLE

"The medals are beautiful, I shall always cherish them. I shall see that the proper people receive one of them. I do appreciate your kindness in sending them to me. I have a confession to make. I gave both of my LILY OF THE MOHAWKS away! The first to a dear friend who wanted it. I wanted him to have it and save the other for myself. He did appreciate it. The other: another friend was very sick; I am (and was at the time) much better. I felt that Venerable Tekakwitha would help him, so I gave him the medal. I felt that his need was greater

than mine. Did I do wrong? I hope not. I really feel that I didn't because I heard today that he was discharged from the hospital and completely recovered. I, truthfully, think I did the right thing. Do write me and assure me that I have done the right thing. I am nearly well! The doctor thinks he will be able to discharge me in a couple of days! I am anxious to get back to duty."

—Admiralty Islands.

#### IT WAS THE PAY CHECK ITSELF

"Enclosed find check, my son's first pay (he is a student), which I promised to give for the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha if he found a part-time job; he got just the one I wanted him to get." —Methuen, Mass.

#### HOW THE GOOD NEWS SPREADS

"Kateri Tekakwitha has obtained for us many favors and we are happy thus to be able to further her Cause."—Columbus, O.

"I feel that in some way little Catherine is giving me my health back, and I beg you to please mention me in some of the leaflets. I want to let people know this and encourage others." —San Antonio, Tex.

"I wish to extend her devotion and for it I enclose this dollar for if you will please send me that much worth in Novenas in Spanish and medals." —El Paso, Tex.

"It would make me very happy and satisfied that I am doing something to promote the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha if I could send money, but since I can't I made out this list of addresses to send. If you wish to use them you may." —St. Paul, Minn.

"I am in business for myself and a short time ago my work was very slack; I needed money and started praying to Kateri Tekakwitha. My work has picked up consider-

ably since starting the prayer and I wish to make her known to some of my friends."

—Indianapolis, Ind.

"I was a very suffering lady. I had a disease that is considered incurable. I saw many doctors and specialists; they told me I'd have that for life. I had it for five years. One day friends told me about Catherine Tekakwitha and I prayed to her and put a picture of her on me and it took two months to be cured. Now I'm telling all my friends about her." —Woonsocket, R. I.

"I am enclosing a little donation in honor of a request Catherine Tekakwitha granted me. She has also granted quite a few others and I sent you a letter before. My request was, well Father, my fiancé and I had a little misunderstanding through letters, so I prayed to Catherine Tekakwitha asking her to help me and the next week I had a lovely letter from him saying he was sorry about the letter he wrote. I answered him and haven't heard from him so I hope you will pray for special intention, and if you can please send me a few leaflets with the prayers on it so I could distribute them to my friends."—New York.

#### KATERI'S CAMPS GROW IN NUMBER

"We live near the Indian reservation on the north shore of Lake Superior, about 80 miles from Duluth. The place I own was named by Indians, called Manitou Falls—meaning 'Spirit of God' and, Father, if you ever come north stop and see for yourself the blessings I've received from our little Maiden. We run a resort here, Father, and I promised to erect a shrine in her honor as soon as is possible—in that way I could make known to many of the tourists the blessings I have received and help you, too, Father, by selling articles of little Catherine of the Indians. I am not an Indian, but long to help them to obtain blessings."

—Little Marais P. O., Minn.



"I promised Kateri Tekakwitha an offering if we won a case we had in court a year ago; last week the court decided in our favor."

—Red Bluff, Cal.

"Enclosed is my check, the offering I promised to make if I received the favor which I asked Kateri to obtain for me."

—St. Louis.

"The enclosed amount was promised to further the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha, after receiving a very special favor through her intercession."

—Great Falls, Mont.

"Today three weeks ago I was rushed to the city for a serious sinus infection which had clotted real near the brain. I promised the Indian Maiden if she would help me without an operation I would give to her Cause."

—Rushville, Ind.

"Enclosed please find donation I promised Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause if my grandchild got well. I pinned the relic on her when they took her to the hospital; she came back home in a week well and in good health."

—Hays, Mont.

"I had an infection in my finger; it was to be lanced and I was away from home. I asked Tekakwitha's help and kept the relic near it; it cleared up in a very short time. I have received many requests praying to and asking help from Kateri Tekakwitha."

—Nutley, N. J.

"Enclosed is offering toward canonization expenses of Kateri—through her intercession I have had some progress on a project of mine—more is promised if it quickly materializes—a need of humanity. This is a thanksgiving offering."

—Portland, Ore.

"I feel compelled to tell you of an immediate answer to prayer to the Lily of the Mohawks. An aging couple worried over an unexpected demand for payment of extra income tax; invoked the Indian Maiden and received within an hour a substantial sum toward the tax."

—Bristol, Pa.

"Enclosed find a small donation toward the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks. I am more than glad to send this as Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha has apparently interceded with God on many occasions for my benefit, and I am very grateful. I hope it will not be long until her canonization takes place."

—Cincinnati.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	3	Relief in Distress .....	4
Financial Aid .....	2	Not Specified .....	25

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	8	Examination Success .....	3
Financial Aid .....	7	Safety .....	10
Not Specified .....	30		

#### Obituary

Rev. William P. Hayward, Upper Darby, Pa.  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice P. Fitzgerald, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Miss Annette L. Cusack, Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y.

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