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TEKAKWITHA'S TOMB TO BECOME MONUMENTAL

The tomb of Tekakwitha has always been an object of veneration. From the time of her burial it has been a place of pilgrimage. For a century a large cross has marked the site, and sixty years ago a huge urn-shaped granite block was placed over it, with an inscription in raised letters telling that she was: "The fairest flower that ever bloomed among true men."

Now the pastor of the church, which is on the hill opposite, has planned to erect a monument that will attract attention for miles distant with a cross of permanent material that will be a beacon over the broad St. Lawrence on the bank of which the tomb rests. Our readers will be interested in the pastor's description of it:

"At last I have the plans of the proposed monument. As you can judge by yourself, our architect has decided that the cross, being monumental, 39 feet high, must be separated from the structure over the tomb. The base of the cross will be made so that it can be sculptured, or carved in statues, the central part will be open-work, so that it can be illuminated inside and the light will appear at the top as a beacon; the horizontal arm will be much higher than usual, according to

our way of making crosses, but all that is calculated to have a monumental effect; at both ends of the arms there will be carved fleur-de-lis. Around the cross there will be a kind of stone terrace, which will join the cross with the building that will cover the tomb. This building will be, for the present, only the pinion roof part that covers the tomb; the roof will be very low on the sides to recall the old Jesuit mill that was destroyed by fire in 1929. The tomb will stay at its actual spot with the earth around visible, and fenced properly; on the four sides it will be closed for the most part with block-glass, but on one side there will be a kind of niche where the pilgrims could, from the outside, see the tomb and pray, protected on three sides by the structure. The other part will be built later as a covered space for pilgrims. The actual stone in front of the tomb will be replaced by a bigger one to serve as a kind of porch, where we could put an altar and say Mass on some occasions. As the architect puts it, it will be a monument that will attract the attention of the passers-by, and will be a sign that the devotion to Kateri is not dying but growing all the time."

—Pastor, Laprairie, Canada.

AND IT SPEAKS VOLUMES

"That both sons may return soon and safe. One is a Chaplain in the Army, the other an Ensign in the Navy. Please pray for them. Am a widow; they are all I have."

—Dubuque, Ia.

A GENEROUS ENCLOSURE IT WAS

"I promised Venerable Tekakwitha the enclosed check if a project in which I am interested was successful. The first good news I had was on her birthday. I am really very grateful for the help that she has given me, and as long as I am able I shall continue to further her Cause towards canonization."

—New York.

REAL FAVORS THESE DAYS

"Enclosed is in thanksgiving for a favor granted through little Catherine. I also wish to acknowledge that in three instances where apartments have been hard to find little Catherine located for us: one for my husband and me, one for my sister-in-law, and one for my sister and her husband. Each time these very suitable places were found before the end of the novena."—Toledo, O.

FROM KATERI'S PORTRAIT ARTIST

"Had you been at the Sault yesterday you would have enjoyed the beautiful play, songs and tableaux in honor of Venerable Kateri. It was the Congé of the Mistress General and the day's programme was carried out on the same theme, even to the menus on the children's plates at dinner, and in the evening, a 'Camp fire' out on the baseball grounds, where they sat around and sang, made speeches, cheered, etc., to their hearts' content."

—Montreal, Canada.

A PATIENT PATIENT

"You may recall that almost two and a half years ago I wrote you, at the suggestion of Rev. J. H., O.M.I., for a subscription to THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. I believe at the time I mentioned that I was a patient in

a t.b. sanatorium. Father H. had given me a medal of Venerable Catherine, also a picture with silk that had been applied to the relic. Since that time I have prayed daily that through her intercession I may acquire a complete and lasting cure. Now after being in the sanatorium for thirty-five months, and having had a fifty-fifty chance of recovering on entering, the doctor has discharged me and I am able to go home."

—Chippewa Falls, Wis.

A NARROW ESCAPE

"Five weeks ago I fell and cut my leg on a nail or piece of iron. It healed over, but about the third or fourth day my leg began to swell and turn black. The doctor had to cut it open about three inches and removed a blood clot the size of an egg. He treated it with sulfa drugs and dressed it every day—also gave me a serum, but he told me frankly it was a miracle the clot had not gone to my brain or heart and he was afraid of blood poisoning. I had received your card of thanks a few days previous and happened to notice the book mark on the table. I sure prayed nearly all night that nothing would happen as I was alone and away from home. I promised Tekakwitha that if she would help me and heal my leg I would write you about it and send an offering as often as I could to help you in your work in her honor. A week ago my folks came for me and I have been out of bed for several days now. My leg is not all healed, but the pain is leaving and the doctor said it will be O.K. and only dresses it every three days now. I am sending my first offering of thanks, and will send more very soon."

—Los Angeles, Cal.

THE INDIAN QUALIFIES

"Thank you so much for the very nice medals of Tekakwitha. I do feel favored to receive some of the first of the new ones. I think they are fine and congratulate you on your perseverance in seeking a way out. You

may be interested to know that I gave the first one away today to a Gros Ventre girl at St. Paul's Mission who was a finalist in the all-state oratorical contest held here last week. You would have hugely enjoyed her fine command of herself before the big gymnasium audience. She is only a junior in high school, but her eight-minute speech on Racial Prejudice was very fine. It swept my pupils off their feet, and they were ready to give her the gold watch, but evidently the judges had not been cured by her exhortation. I wrote today to ask her for a copy and sent her a medal for a bribe. She mentioned Tekakwitha in the speech, so I'll send you the excerpt, or maybe the whole paper, if you like. The enclosed is a mission item about preliminaries. You will enjoy the names (Elizabeth Warrior, Elizabeth Dragonfly). The Franciscans came across state to hear their protégé, as did a Jesuit and Indian delegates. And one Indian girl spoke: "In Defense of Chastity."

—Great Falls, Mont.

KATERI A "LITTLE WONDER WORKER"

"About seven years ago I found a pamphlet of Lily of the Mohawks. I read it over, and at the time the family was in dire circumstances financially. I began a nine-day novena, saying the short little prayer contained in the pamphlet; about the eighth day of my novena my prayer was granted almost beyond our fondest hopes. Now, mind you, since then I have asked her for numerous favors and all were fully granted. Then here about a month ago my little nine-year-old girl fell, fracturing her leg. Upon X-raying, the limb was found to have a cancerous growth of long-time standing. My husband and I decided to bring her to Rochester to the Mayo Clinic. The specialists here gave us a most heart-breaking verdict—the limb would have to be amputated and even then only gave her a one-out-of-four chance to come off the table alive. How-

ever, I had been praying to the Lily of the Mohawks the same little prayer and thanks be to Almighty God through her intercession the limb did not have to be taken off, and the growth was found not malignant; only prayer has spared her. However, we are still praying no further operations will be necessary and that the X-ray treatments they are giving her now will clear it all up. The doctors here say some times they do. Father, I must let you know of this marvelous favor; she surely deserves the title 'Little Wonder Worker.' Please send her some little relic to be placed on this sick limb. I feel certain a complete cure will be the outcome."

—Rochester, Minn.

THERE IS JUST SUCH A STATUE

"For the past thirteen years Mrs. La Bombard and myself have been very devoted to Kateri Tekakwitha. We had a summer cottage built on Cumberland Head, across the bay from Plattsburg, and move out there for three or four months every year.

"Being intrigued with the life of Tekakwitha, her trip up through Lake Champlain on her way back to her mother's people, the Algonquin Indians, when our summer camp was completed we decided to place it under the protection of Kateri and gave it her name.

"She has done a marvelous job of protecting our camp, keeping us and ours all in the best of health besides granting us all some of the most enjoyable hours of our lives.

"Mrs. La Bombard will transplant a few cedar evergreen trees and in these trees we expect to build a small outdoor shrine.

"We would like to know if there is such a thing as a statue or image of Kateri Tekakwitha, something about eight to twelve inches high, obtainable and in such material as would be able to stand outdoor weather. Do you have any such, or if not, do you know if there are any obtainable elsewhere?"

—Plattsburg, N. Y.

"For me she has proven to be my patron when I seek a better job or an increase in salary or just a job." —Long Beach, Cal.

"These (medals) were sent to me by Mr. F. C. Almost all who have asked her intercession have had their favors granted." —Dorchester, Mass.

"I beg and entreat you to please publish my sending a donation monthly so as to have her protect me and keep me well and my business good, which she is doing." —San Antonio, Tex.

"Enclosed you will please find donation for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for a favor received through her intercession. We were looking for some important papers that were mislaid, and we found them, and I am very grateful." —New Orleans.

"A few weeks ago I wrote for Kateri Tekakwitha leaflets for novena devotions. I have received the leaflets, and made two private novenas (one ending today) for something I was beginning to think I would never get, but thanks to God and His Blessed Mother, and Kateri Tekakwitha, I have received what I asked for, and I am really happy." —Philadelphia.

"Promised \$50.00 toward Cause of the 'Little Indian Maid,' if our bazaar was a success. Am enclosing another \$10.00; will send other \$20.00 as I can spare it. Our

bazaar was a success with the help of our friends back East—it went over big. If it wasn't for our friends helping us with our bazaar we just couldn't exist as we have only about fourteen families in our parish; so praying and asking 'Tekakwitha' for help the bazaar the last three years was a success."

"A friend of mine, a member of our Sodality, had received word that her son was missing in action. . . . I gave her the picture with the prayer on the opposite side, also the two leaflets of Tekakwitha and promised to have it published if she would hear anything. In about two months the mother of the boy received word that her son was a prisoner in Germany and she is now able to write to him.

"Needing a new unit for my refrigerator I asked Kateri's help. The dealers had units on order six months and did not know when they would arrive. Next week I had the unit." —New Orleans, La.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	4	Property Sale	3
Financial Aid	2	Employment	1
Not Specified	26		

PETITIONS

Cures	6	Examination Success ..	4
Financial Aid	5	Safety	8
Not Specified	20		

Obituary

Most Rev. Joseph R. Crimont, S.J., Juneau, Alaska.
Rev. Philip Leone, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Alice Holden, Butte, Mont.
Mrs. William Harwood, Bennington, Vt.

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