

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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The Two Apparent Miracles Required

Gradually communication from Vatican City becomes more rapid, now two weeks instead of three months for letters thence, and fortunately it is always favorable so far as the Cause of Tekakwitha is concerned. The latest is that those who wrote her Life soon after her death were so trustworthy that they should be regarded as would be ocular witnesses giving testimony soon after her death; and for that reason, by decree of His Holiness Pius XII, only two instead of four miracles are required for her beatification, the first instance of its kind in the history of Causes of long standing; and, thank God, one of these is already before the Congregation of Rites and the other is well on the way. Pray that the Process on both may be judged satisfactory.

A Well Preserved Prelate

For many years the Most Reverend Joseph R. Crimont of the Society of Jesus, the Bishop of Alaska, was a devoted client of the Venerable Tekakwitha. To promote knowledge and love of the saintly Indian Maiden, he distributed fifty copies of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS among the Eskimo villages, not neglecting his white people, about 6,500

of each. In spite of his difficult mission, the most difficult mission of all, he lived until 87 years old, as Pius XI once remarked: "Well preserved by Alaskan temperatures."

A Will, Model and Welcome

Devotees of Tekakwitha will bless and pray for the Rev. William R. Charles, late of Albany, for remembering in his Will the Cause of this Venerable Servant of God. He was blessed with ample resources, and he willed them generously to many religious interests, saying that what money came to him, though not as, but while a priest, he believed he should bequeath for religious purposes. Owing to the war the money for the Cause is much needed now. R. I. P.

It Takes Time

A second Mohawk, the Rev. George Michael White, of the Order of Mary Immaculate, was ordained priest on June 4 of this year. He was born in the Regis Reservation, part in Canada, part in the United States, July 25, 1918. He celebrated his first Solemn Mass at Saint Patrick's, Rochester. The Rev. Michael Jacobs, of the Society of Jesus, the only other ordained Mohawk, preached the sermon. Two vocations in 3 centuries.

AND A GOOD PROJECT, TOO

"In thanksgiving for the favor of rapid development of project I wrote you about earlier, praying that through her further intercession necessary priority may be obtained."

—PORTLAND, ORE.

A GENEROUS PERCENTAGE

"Last May, my class of Emmanuel College, Boston, sponsored the picture, 'Our Lady of Guadalupe,' or rather, I think, the film is called 'The Virgin of Guadalupe.' I said I would give, personally, ten per cent. of what we cleared on the picture towards the canonization of Catherine Tekakwitha. We cleared \$408, which was turned over to the Building Fund. Here is my gift to Catherine Tekakwitha—\$41.00."

—Cohasset, Mass.

HAPPY TWELVE YEAR OLD

"I was very surprised to receive the present from you. It is such a lovely sterling silver medal of Tekakwitha. Thank you very much for the nice present. I like Catherine so I put your medal on my chain that my godmother gave me—a silver chain with the Blessed Mother's medal on it, too. Do you remember Sister Nathanael Joseph wrote a letter? She told you about my conversion, I bet. Well I am happy, because I am a Catholic forever and I am with Catherine, too."

—Newburgh, Ind.

GRATITUDE

"Enclosed please find two checks for one hundred dollars, my special donation for favors received through the intercession of our beloved Lily of the Mohawks, and another check for \$30.00 to cover my monthly contribution for the next six months of 1945. I will never be able to thank Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha sufficiently for the many favors she has obtained for me."

—Pastor, Tex.

SPREADING THE DEVOTION

"Enclosed you will find the sum of five dollars for which please enroll me as a member of the Tekakwitha League and send me some leaflets, medals and pictures of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha so that I may help spread devotion and thus hasten her Cause to sainthood. Hoping this little offering will help in some small way your wonderful work, and asking a remembrance in your good prayers."

—Fort Smith, Ark.

NO NEED TO DESPAIR

"It is a great pleasure to do this as my foot is almost completely cured, as I told you in my last letter three weeks ago. I was in despair and turned to Venerable Catherine for help, then I said about twenty Paters, Aves and Glorias on my way home in the Philadelphia subway for her canonization. My foot showed a fifty per cent. improvement next day and now I don't need an arch support nor pad."

—Philadelphia.

"I want to tell you of my marvellous recovery. I am a non-Catholic, but Kateri Tekakwitha has done wonders for me. Just a year ago I had a severe stroke. My entire left side was paralyzed. Although I did not know it at the time I have learned since, my two doctors believed I would never walk again. F. C. gave me a medal and a relic, which I applied to my paralyzed leg and arm. Today I am walking very well without aid of a cane and using my left arm nearly as well as I ever could. My doctor says my recovery is in his opinion a miracle. I feel I owe it all to Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession."

—New York.

SHE INSPIRES CONFIDENCE

"My health was going from bad to worse. One night I suffered acute pain in a kidney. I was in agony. I was inspired to take a certain remedy which relieved me a bit. Of course I did not get well immediately—how-

ever I continued praying. I must admit that I did not have much faith in her at first. I attended the pageant of her life and became interested in her after a nun gave me a little booklet of her Life and I read of the many favors that were obtained through her intercession. I failed to mention that I was able to go to work the following morning after I had spent such a miserable night."

—New Orleans.

AND SHE ALWAYS HELPS

"Enclosed find check for five dollars for the blessed Cause of our little Tekakwitha. I was in almost despair in obtaining some money and I asked her and St. Anthony to please find a way. It wasn't a large amount; but one of my tenants unexpectedly received some money and turned over to me some he owed me and I was able to meet my obligation. I am praying to Blessed Kateri now almost ten or twelve years and in her blessed way she always helps me."

—Brooklyn.

QUICK ACTION

"Nearly three months ago I got a peculiar lameness of my ankle or instep. The foot doctor told me there was a false growth around the heel bone, so he put a pad of cotton felt under part of my foot and bandaged it. This gave me much relief, but I still suffered greatly and my foot swelled badly. I seemed to be getting worse, so a week ago I said there is only one hope of my escaping permanent lameness, that is a recourse to Kateri Tekakwitha for help. So I resolved then and there that I would send you this without waiting for results. This is what happened—the next day my foot was much better and now I have very little pain and no more swelling."

—Philadelphia.

ADVENTURE AND FAITH

"Enclosed is a money-order of eleven dollars, ten of which I wish you would please have a requiem High Mass sung in honor of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha that the Saints

and Angels in heaven will pray for her speedy canonization so that she can be exalted to the honor of our altars as among the blessed in heaven. I have been granted many favors through her intercession. About seven years ago I began praying to Kateri. My husband, who was working part time on a job that wasn't steady, was making hardly enough to buy food. The bills were accumulating and we were getting deeper into debt. My husband decided to go away to New Bedford fishing. We had no money, so he borrowed some to go. He slept for three nights in trucks waiting for the boats to come in from fishing, so that he could get a chance on one of them. As soon as he left home I prayed that he would get on one special boat which was making big money every trip they went out. After praying a week to Kateri I received a telegram saying he was going steady on this boat. I went to church and made a vow to have a Mass said for the Souls in Purgatory every trip he came in. He went fishing on this boat six years and every trip I have paid my vow. Now this last year he is home, fishing here, after paying all our bills and buying a small home for our children and us to live in. Two months ago I had a baby daughter. Before she was born I prayed to Kateri every night and asked her to intercede for me and ask God to give me a girl. I have two boys, one ten years old and one seven, so you can imagine my happiness when I awoke at the hospital and was told I had a daughter. I have named her after Kateri and pray that she will grow up loving God. I shall teach her about her namesake. I am now praying for my father. He has an incurable heart disease. He was in pain quite often and the doctor said he could never work hard again. I am praying to Kateri for his cure. Last week he began working doing quite strenuous work as he needs the money. He worked all week without pain.

—Provincetown, Mass.

"In thanksgiving to 'Little Kateri' for another favor received." —Broussard, La.

"I had a very special favor granted and I feel I received it through the intercession of the Indian Maiden. I am only too glad to make this offering." —Pittsburgh.

"I had lots to sell and I prayed to Tekakwitha for about three years to sell them and not lose money; to really make some and she surely was good to me." —L. E. L.

"I promised Kateri Tekakwitha this donation if we had good news from the doctor concerning my brother's sickness. Thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha for a wonderful report and am sending the donation as promised." —Newport, Ky.

"Enclosed is twelve dollars to further Cause of Kateri's canonization and in thanksgiving for favor of receiving priority to go on with the undertaking to distribute an article of service to mankind." —Portland, Ore.

"I am happy to report to you at this moment that my daughter's fingers are almost healed up. Thanks to you and for the nice things in regards to your kind help. Thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha for her help. I will do all in my power to make her known." —Duncansville, Pa.

"About seven years ago I promised to the Lily of the Mohawks the enclosed donation if my niece, suffering from tuberculosis, would be cured. I am happy to say the doctors now declare her cured and I feel it was through the prayers of the little Indian Maiden." —Chicago, Ill.

"My mother, who is in her nineties, recently fell and hurt herself; I promised Tekakwitha that if the doctor found no broken bones and if she recovered from the shock I would send offering for five Masses in behalf of her canonization and would ask to have it published in your leaflets." —Adams, Mass.

"Mrs. D.'s seventeen-month-old daughter, Katherine, has been suffering with a rash for the past nine months, and doctors have been unable to give her any relief. I spoke to her of the many marvels performed through Katherine's intercession, and she seemed very much enthused, inasmuch as the baby's name is 'Katharine.'" —Jersey City.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	6	Examination Success . .	2
Financial Aid	2	Salary Increase	3
Relief in Distress	2	Not Specified	48

PETITIONS

Cures	4	Safety	10
Financial Aid	5	Not Specified	20

Obituary

Rev. William R. Charles, Albany, N. Y.
William Cullen, Philadelphia, Pa.

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