

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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Our Tenth Year

With this issue THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS begins its tenth year. It is a unique monthly message in one respect: its contents are in great measure contributed by its subscribers and readers, and it is always interesting as a record of the heavenly activity of the 'Good Catherine' as she has been known ever since her death. She continues to inspire confidence and to obtain blessings for those who invoke and honor her. May their prayers soon bring about the honor which we are all seeking to obtain for her, the honor of being revered on our altars as among the blessed in heaven!

War's End

At last the war is happily over and thanksgiving is the order of the day, of every day that God may grant us to live. For clients of Venerable Tekakwitha the return to peace will have one happy result; it will put an end to the delays that impeded the progress of her Cause. It will facilitate communication with the Congregation of Rites. In spite of enormous difficulties it is marvelous how smoothly and actively the work of the Church has been carried on these past years, but with peace restored it will go on prosperously and brilliantly as never before.

All Concerned

Now that there is a fair prospect of renewed activity on the part of all concerned in the Cause of Tekakwitha we urge our

readers to redouble their efforts to make known her virtues to others, and the blessings, spiritual and material, to be obtained by invoking her aid. Characteristic of this Cause is that it is the common concern of all who know the Venerable Tekakwitha. Usually a canonization is brought about by the efforts of the clergy of a diocese, or of the religious Order of which the Servant of God was a member; but in this case clergy and laity unite in supporting the Cause by their kind offerings and by their prayers for its happy consummation, and they feel honored when invited to have part in it.

Relics of Tekakwitha

The relics of Tekakwitha are sealed in a casket which is kept reverently in the sacristy of the church at Caughnawaga, Canada. Whilst a Cause for the canonization of a Servant of God is in process, it is customary to keep the relics thus sealed. Before the Cause of Tekakwitha was instituted a few pieces of her bone were made available and fragments of these have been distributed; but the war made it impossible to obtain metal to make proper relic cases, and the distribution ceased. The most the possessor of relics could do is lend one for a while. It is a mistake to lend a relic for any great length of time, and it is not necessary. All that is needed is to apply a relic with the proper prayer. Besides, it is possible to apply relics to certain articles, silk, for instance, and such articles have the virtue of relics known as second class.

VOCATIONS

"Please pray also for boy who played Father de Lamberville in our well-remembered play, 'Tekakwitha.' He was to have entered the Jesuit novitiate if he succeeded in getting his discharge from the Navy after more than four years of service. Perhaps you will recall that the girl who played Tekakwitha entered our novitiate. She is doing well."

—Colorado Springs.

THE UNEXPECTED

"Enclosed find check for ten dollars. Five dollars is from my boy for favor received and the remainder for money received from an unexpected source. Please use it for the Cause of canonizing Kateri. Several years ago my husband gave a relative, who was ill, some money; we thought of it as a gift. The man has since prospered and returned it to us."

—Kansas City, Mo.

SPREADING THE DEVOTION

"Just to thank Kateri for all she has done, is doing, and will do for me, I am sending the enclosed. Please send me some pictures with the piece of blessed silk and some prayer leaflets. I am trying to spread devotion to her and hope it will not be long till she is canonized."

—St. Louis.

"... some very much needed papers I thought I would never get, but with her help I got them. I was trying to get these papers five years ago and with her help and others I got them in five months. If you can, send me some leaflets with prayers on it so I can pass them on to some of my friends."

—Reading, Pa.

REMARKABLE CURES

"I am doing a bit of secretarial work for a little friend of mine. She is sending the enclosed as a thanks offering to her patroness, 'Lily of the Mohawks.' Her sister (my sister-in-law) hemorrhaged seriously several

times, following an operation. She is improving, and Betty feels also that Venerable Tekakwitha helped to bring the husband home on an emergency furlough."

—Boise, Ida.

"A very dear friend of mine was at death's door and there seemed that nothing could be done unless through prayer. Therefore, with my 'Class' I began to pray to 'Tekakwitha' and our Blessed Lady of Perpetual Help. We sent in a small donation toward her Cause and subscribed for the little paper, THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. Only a few days later I received word that he was holding his own. That was very encouraging so we interceded all the more. Soon after we were informed that he was up and around. He is now quite well and doing some work again."

—Gallup, N. M.

DIFFICULT IN WARTIME

"I work in a hospital and while at lunch the other day we were talking to the head anesthetist and she was so discouraged because we did not have enough help in the operating room. So I told her I would get her two girls through Kateri that day, and she looked at me and smiled as much to say that was impossible; so she said if I did she would send an offering to help along the Cause. So she got two very nice girls for the jobs, and she has given me the money to send."

—Pittsburgh.

"I prayed every night with so much faith to find a suitable and permanent home since we have moved four times in six years. Six months later I moved to a new home and today this home is ours for keeps for we have bought it and that is something that I feel I have obtained through her intercession."

—Cranford, N. J.

"I have cultivated a very tender devotion to this little Indian Maiden, especially during the past two years. Many of our Sisters fell

sick and the vacancies had to be filled—no one available for the moment—lay teachers had abandoned teaching for war work. I prayed to our little Lily, promised to have the Superiors place her picture, a large one, in the class or other prominent place, where all could see—then if my two vacancies were filled before a certain date I would publish the favor in your magazine. Shortly after this, our devoted Reverend Mother General called me to the phone to say that she had two Sisters who might do. They came and filled in with satisfaction. On two other occasions where difficulties had to be solved, the little Maid's picture was promised with the promise to publish the favors. Where changes seemed necessary, at a most inconvenient time things readjusted themselves and the work went on with satisfaction to all. Thanks to Venerable Tekakwitha whom I shall endeavor to make better known and loved by our children and their teachers."

—Montreal.

HAD THE FIRST COMMUNION ANY PART?

"I am writing you to tell you how wonderful Kateri Tekakwitha was to my daughter, Anne, age nine years. Anne was stricken with that dreadful disease, 'rheumatic fever.' It was the beginning of March when she was taken ill. For nine solid weeks she did not get up from bed. She was to make her First Holy Communion the second Sunday in May—that happiest moment in anyone's life. Well for six solid weeks her fever was high twenty-four hours a day. In all those weeks it never went below the 100 mark. Two or three days after six weeks had elapsed my older daughter, Theresa, came home from the parochial school where Theresa, Anne, and their brother, Johnny, attended. She brought home with her a pamphlet bearing the prayers, and life of Kateri Tekakwitha. Also instructions from the nun that we all should say those prayers. That very first night we all knelt at her bed, and

said the prayers out loud. Little Anne, too, said those prayers with us, although she was lying on her back. Well, Father, on the very next day her fever dropped and she steadily kept gaining and we kept on with our prayers. And that moment that little Anne so much desired, and we the parents, too, was fully realized. Little Anne had made her First Holy Communion in her lily-white dress and veil in church. She always spoke of that day, 'Oh, mama, how I wish I can get well so I can make my First Holy Communion in that white dress and veil you bought me.' Father, it was Kateri Tekakwitha that made this possible. I know it is so because after that first prayer her fever dropped. What else could that have been? Maybe some will say, it was a good doctor. Doctors don't perform miracles. Kateri Tekakwitha guided this doctor's hand so that she is on the road to recovery; her heart, thank God, according to the doctor's diagnosis is O.K. Father, I hope everyone will invoke the aid of Kateri Tekakwitha; I know they will not be turned down."

—Philadelphia.

"My son was to be commissioned as ensign in July and the day before graduation received word that he would not receive his commission. He was very disappointed. He was rejected because of the results of an eye examination about two weeks previously. I sent him the relic of Kateri Tekakwitha and we all prayed that the results of the eye examination would be favorable. My son said that he prayed for whatever God thought best. When he was rejected he became very bitter. He stopped praying and going to the Sacraments. However, he realized that this attitude was wrong and that after all he had asked God for what was best for him. So, he got straightened around and then one day he received his commission."

—Jackson, Minn.

"An offering for the Cause of Beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for a big grace received."
—York, Pa.

"I am enclosing an offering in honor of Tekakwitha. She never fails me. When I have sickness or trouble I always think of her."
—Syracuse, N. Y.

"Enclosed please find check to be used to further the Cause of Tekakwitha, who has been wonderful to me."
—Sioux City, Ia.

"I have made a novena to her twice, and both were for employment and also answered, one in a very unusual manner."
—S. Connellsville, Pa.

"Sending a donation, one every six months, so as to have her protect me and keep me well, and my business good, which she is doing."
—Millvale, Pa.

"I asked Catherine Tekakwitha for a favor and it was granted, so I told her I am making it known. It was for help in studies and exams."
—Utica, N. Y.

"I want to thank Venerable Kateri for helping me out of a dilemmna which had given me much trouble—she has helped me so often."
—Baltimore.

"A desirable tenant for a house was obtained, a sum of money was given me as a

gift, and a couple of very small amounts, entirely unexpected, were paid on an investment."
—Scranton, Pa.

"I wish to report that Mrs. D's baby has improved very much; she is very grateful for the help given her through Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession."
—Jersey City.

"We have received every favor we have ever requested. She works with astonishing speed. She always finds lost articles for us—we've had her searching for one of our friends missing on a lost submarine. I am confident that one day he, too, will be found."
—San Francisco.

"Enclosed donation was given to me by a woman suffering from cancer. Her case was very serious and I told her of the help obtained through the intercession of the 'Lily of the Mohawks.' She had recourse to her and obtained immediate relief."
—Baker, Ore.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

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| Cures | 2 | Conversion | 1 |
| Salary Increase | 2 | Peace | 2 |
| Financial Aid | 5 | Employment | 2 |
| Sale of House | 1 | Relief in Distress | 4 |
| Not Specified | 32 | | |

PETITIONS

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| Cures | 7 | Vocations | 6 |
| Salary Increase | 5 | Relief in Distress | 8 |
| Financial Aid | 2 | Safety | 10 |
| Not Specified | 20 | | |

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