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THE MOHAWKS

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Reporting Favors Attributed to Tekakwitha's Intercession

Tekakwitha's devotees are faithful in many things, especially in reporting favors which they attribute to her intercession. On reading those reported in the present issue of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS, one observes first of all the variety of blessings received, cures, money relief and assistance, safety from danger in war and in hurricane, help in raising church building funds and in establishing a Tekakwitha club-house for mothers, girls and cradle members.

The reports come from all manner of places, north, south, east and west, and they are all worded so as to express honor for Tekakwitha. They come from old and young—in this issue from a nonagenarian and the mother of a two-year old. They are written by priests, sisters and members of the laity and they all attest cheerfully their confidence in the Venerable Servant of God. The favors are printed exactly as reported, and not one of them has the slightest suggestion that the recipient is proud as if entitled to special notice for being blessed by God.

Some of these reports mention offerings that are sent as thanks-offerings for favors received, but offerings are not necessary for publication of any favor. Those who make them feel that they should when possible do something towards the furtherance of the Cause of Tekakwitha here and in Rome. In thanksgiving many ask to have Mass offered in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks and

these Masses are as a rule offered by those who in Rome are concerned in furthering the Cause of Kateri.

Many favors reported are extraordinary, some apparently even miraculous. One trouble in reporting such favors is that those who know about them do not report them immediately or soon after they are granted. The result is it is difficult to get proper testimony to their occurrence. Witnesses disappear or fail in memory of them; medical records are not kept, so that what might be reported as beyond the power of natural causes can no longer be proved. Fortunately two apparently miraculous favors have been reported to the Congregation of Rites and we are praying and hoping that they will be accepted as such.

A CALL FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS

Because members of the Tekakwitha League pray for one another as well as for themselves we seldom urge them to pray for any one individual; but the V. Postulator is now earnestly requesting prayers for the cure of a bishop who is quite ill and who desires to recover his health sufficiently at least to continue to work for his diocese. Needless to say he has great confidence in the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha and has done his part to help in the advancement of the Cause for her canonization.

FROM A NONAGENARIAN

"I am now over 90 years of age and because of very poor eyesight write very little. I cannot see what I am writing and cannot read what I write; am not sure anyone else can read it, but I want to send you a small donation toward the work you are doing."

—Denville, N. J.

WE JOIN IN HIS HOPE

"She has helped me much to raise the building fund for my new church, permission to build having been granted last week. I hope she keeps up her great help and sees me through with the building ready for *consecration* this time next year."

—Nesquehoning, Pa.

A PLEA OFTEN ANSWERED

"My sister was very seriously ill. In appealing to my dear heavenly friends for aid it seemed fitting at this time that I should make a special plea to one whose Cause is before Rome. I begged the Lily of the Mohawks to help her to get well and to be able to return to work. Thank God, this plea has been answered."

—Marcellus, N. Y.

KATERI HAS DONE HER PART IN WAR

"Some time ago I promised Tekakwitha for a favor received that I would purchase seven of her pictures with the silk applied to her relics to give to friends and a Mass for my brother's safe return home. Although he is still in Europe I am sure he will come home safe now and that he will receive a medical discharge."

—N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

A THOUGHT IS JUSTIFIABLE

"Just by way of general information—we have read that the original 'Countrymans' came to this country around 1690 and settled in the Mohawk Valley. The name still abounds in that vicinity. Personally, I like to think that I have a special claim on Kateri

since I bear her name and because my paternal ancestors evidently lived in Mohawk territory as she did." —Philadelphia, Pa.

OUR NEEDS ARE KNOWN IN HEAVEN

"My husband is in the service and I am alone with three children as I am not able to work. I am always in financial difficulties. I have been saying prayers to 'Katherine,' and last Friday I sought her aid, and asked for \$40.00 by the following Tuesday. Yesterday was Monday and I received \$10.00 from an unexpected source, and today a party paid back a loan of \$30.00 which makes the total."

—Watertown, N. Y.

TEKAKWITHA, YES — BUT NOT
YOURS TRULY

"Some time ago we wrote to you and asked your prayer through the intercession of Tekakwitha that we would obtain quarters to hold our meetings for the Tekakwitha Mothers' Club, the Tekakwitha Girls' Club, and the Tekakwitha Cradle Roll. Thanks to you and dear Tekakwitha, we have a suite of six rooms — consisting of a lounge, reception room, one large game room, two nursery rooms, a kitchen and a powderpuff room, all beautifully furnished. The members made the drapes and painted the furniture. I wish you could see it. On October 10 we had a Tea for our opening."

—Cincinnati, O.

AND NOW A TWO-YEAR OLD

"The two-month old infant (Michael Miller) of a very close friend of mine (Mrs. Louis Miller) began to discharge blood. The doctors prescribed a sulfa drug and the child got well. However, a day later there was a recurrence. The doctors again ordered a sulfa drug, but it had to be stopped because it affected the baby's kidneys. When I heard of the trouble, which seemed to be puzzling the doctor, I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha. The child got perfectly well with no ill effects."

—New Orleans, La.

AND NON-CATHOLICS

"A number of years ago I suggested to a non-Catholic that she pray to the 'Lily of the Mohawks' for a favor she intensely desired. I believe I promised publication if her favor was granted. Please publish, if you do, thanksgiving for the favor received. Enclosed is a small offering in thanksgiving."

—Stockton, Cal.

PRAYER VERSUS THE HOPELESS

"I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha asking her to intercede for my mother, who was very ill. She was in bed several months. We didn't think she could ever get well enough to get downstairs again. I promised Tekakwitha I would send a dollar a month for a year to further her Cause if God granted this favor through her intercession. My mother is now able to come downstairs every day. I thank God and Venerable Catherine as I feel sure it was her prayers and intercession that helped."

—Columbus, O.

MISSIONARY, TRULY A FATHER

"My building program has been progressing, but due to the hurricane of August, 1944, the work is a long way from being finished. While I am taking down one of the churches, which I am to replace with a new one, I hope to build a canteen or a soup kitchen at the Kateri Tekakwitha school. The school has grown very rapidly and I now have over 250 children attending it, but on the whole they are very poor children and very few of them get sufficient nourishment. Many of them after a little breakfast come to school at 9 o'clock and remain until 4 o'clock with hardly anything to eat. Some will bring a lunch, others will bring a half penny or a farthing to buy a little bread and some will have nothing at all. It is hard for these little ones to work on empty stomachs, so I am planning to relieve conditions by building the soup kitchen. When it is completed I think we will have about 500 children at the school, as many little ones in the district are

not sent to school because their parents have no food to give them. This will give me an opportunity to spread the Kingdom of Christ among the little ones, and help to bring a Catholic generation into the district.

"I mentioned in a previous letter our prayers to Kateri for the success of any fair that I conduct. This year I had a fair on August 1 and as a result the pictures of her were all given out so I had the prayer typed and distributed among the people. Despite opposition and rain the fair was a great success. I am sure Kateri hears our prayers."

—Jamaica, B. W. I.

TEKAKWITHA KNEW HURRICANES

"I've not written for some time due to the fact that events in my life have been moving so very fast. I've had little time for myself. My boy, for whom I asked your prayers, came home from college in May (it was through prayer wholly that he was able to attend college) and went to Galveston to work through the summer, but the little girl whom he was in love with was stationed there with the Coast Guard—she is a Spar—and in June they married here in our home. I am so pleased to have such a precious little daughter. She was ill for a few days and having five days leave—when she was well she came up to stay with me and my boy got five days leave from Todd Shipyard where he works and came, too. All this is because I want to tell you how my prayer was answered. We took them back to Galveston Sunday. She had to report Monday morning and Bill had to be at work if it was possible to work for this terrific hurricane had been reported Friday moving slowly and with Houston and Galveston directly in its path. I left them down there with a heavy heart, but we had to return to Houston. I prayed; and at 8.30 the report over the radio was to the effect that the hurricane had passed north of Houston and was slowly diminishing."

—Houston, Tex.

"She never fails us; my husband is now a Catholic. He prays to Little Catherine every day."
—Houston, Tex.

"For receiving sum of money which was owed me for the past year."
—Brooklyn, N. Y.

"For a favor received, will you please use the money to further the Cause of her beatification."
—Warren, Pa.

"I am going for another treatment on Tuesday and hope for good results. My eyes are better, but the left eye is improving slowly."
—Columbus, O.

"Some time ago I asked her to intercede to the Blessed Virgin for a favor I very much wanted. My prayer was answered. Hence this offering which I promised."
—Wellesley Hills, Mass.

"I am sending this in thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha. I am very grateful to her and promise to further her canonization."
—Buffalo, N. Y.

"Enclosed please find \$1.00 for the membership dues of our pastor; he had to undergo a very serious operation and I promised to enlist him in the Tekakwitha League if the operation was successful."
—Raceland, La.

"I made a novena to her that my daughter would get a transfer from the job she held to

a better job which was promised to her, but her former boss wouldn't release her. My prayers were answered."
—Leadville, Colo.

"Sewed between two pieces of cardboard please find sixty cents for which send me your special medal and publish my special thanks for four, yes, five recent favors and another in the making that I obtained by praying to the Indian Lily, who grants me anything and everything I ask for if it is good for me. I want to give public thanks for peace, satisfactory outcome of an X-ray, satisfactory completion of a paint job, good luck with securing reconciliation with a neighbor."
—Duluth, Minn.

"Enclosed find check which I promised Kateri if my badly cut hand would heal without any infection."
—Youngstown, O.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	6	Relief in Distress	3
Financial Aid	3	Spiritual	1
Salary Increase	2	Not Specified	45

PETITIONS

Cures	10	Relief in Distress	5
Financial Aid	6	Safety	4
Not Specified	30		

Obituary

Most Rev. Daniel F. Desmond, Alexandria, La.
Rev. Leo M. Laskowski, Duluth, Minn.
Rev. C. J. Ahern, Newark, N. J.
Rev. Paul A. Baglio, Miami, Fla.
Rev. Anthony Redinger, O.S.B., Anadarko, Okla.
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