

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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And On Earth Peace To Men of Good-Will

The Christmas wish excelling all others. It required ineffable might to win the war, but of that might human skill and labor were capable. No human skill or labor can win a

peace: this only the powers above can do. For this let us add our prayer to the angel's wish, so that our Christmas wish be one with theirs—peace to men of good-will.

Tekakwitha Camps, Clubs, Courts, Etc.

THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS for February and March, 1939, listed about fifty organizations named for Tekakwitha, camps, clubs, courts, halls, houses, leagues, lodges, grottos, shrines, schools, shops, groups, scouts, units—under almost every name an organization can be entitled.

The number of these formations continues to grow, and the members are ingenious at finding different names for them, such as camp fire, circle, cradle roll, troop, study club. The most recent outdoor shrine is at the College of St. Scholastica at Duluth, the city named after the famous captain who was cured of a serious ailment at the tomb of Tekakwitha soon after her death; and the most recent club-rooms, or rather club-house on a large scale is in Cincinnati, as described

in the November issue, to accommodate the Tekakwitha Mothers' Club, the Girls' Club and the Cradle Roll, or nursery.

The list of these Tekakwitha associations on page 11 is not complete, because not all of those who form them think of reporting to THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. They are won by the name and by the romantic suggestions it imparts, especially by its attraction to the virtues which Tekakwitha practised under so many hardships.

The Cincinnati club-rooms were opened and dedicated on October 10. The invitation to the opening shows how genuine is the interest of those who have formed it. All this is but a prelude to the enthusiasm with which the hoped-for honors of the Church to Tekakwitha will be acclaimed.

The Tekakwitha Lithograph

Recently there has been a demand for the large 12 x 8-inch lithograph picture of Tekakwitha in colors. The latest order was from a military post where the men wanted it in place of the gaudy pin-up pictures so common on barrack walls. It is not the first

such order and the beauty of it is it came not from an Army chaplain, nor from any individual GI, but from the men of the post who had just finished building a chapel and who wanted also a statue of Tekakwitha to adorn the approach to the structure.

TAKE NOTICE

"I promised this for a successful drive to raise funds for a new school. It was a grand success, thanks, through the intercession of Kateri."
—Plaucheville, La.

VERY GLAD, INDEED

"Father, you will be glad, I know, to hear that our Radio Club broadcast a little sketch of Kateri over Station KYW here in Philadelphia today."
—Philadelphia.

PRECIOUS WIDOW'S MITE

"I have received favors and would love to send more money but I am seventy-five years old and a widow trying to live on a small pension alone—no family. Will try later to send again; thanks for all past favors."
—LaGrange, Ill.

DIPARATE FAVORS

"Thank God through your efforts we are to have a Catherine of our own to pray to up in Heaven. The nun to whom I gave the relic you so kindly sent me is back on the job after a serious operation. Kateri has obtained a few little things for myself, including the return of a bag taken in church last week."
—Lowell, Mass.

DISPARATE FAVORS

"We 'hired' Kateri as our first (real estate) salesman and promised to give her an offering for each sale we make. Our office was opened September 20 and before the 30th we had sold our first piece of property. We have enclosed our first gift toward Kateri's Cause, with the hope and prayer that she will soon be on our altars as a Saint."
—St. Petersburg, Fla.

AND AN HONOR IT IS

"Herewith enclosed please find check to help further the canonization of Venerable

Kateri Tekakwitha. I consider this a great honor to share in such a noble Cause, and regret that I am not in a position to send a more substantial offering."—Brooklyn, N. Y.

NOT SO UNWORTHY

"I have for the past seven years prayed for the beatification of this beloved child of God in public. About three days a week after Mass I offer one Hail Mary to Our Blessed Lady for the beatification of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha and for all our sick. Many have learned of her through me, your unworthy servant." —Pastor, Lexington, Ky.

FROM A TRUE TEKAKWITHAN

"We had a big day yesterday when one of the boys from our parish, a Mexican boy, was given the honors of the city as the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his valor in Manila. He received the medal in Washington on Columbus Day—the day we honored Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. The Mexican celebration was the fiftieth anniversary of the coronation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Mexican hero, Cleto Rodrigues, helped to open a Catechism center in our parish near his home. He brought gifts of candy and nuts, and in spite of the strenuous day yesterday and all the honor he gave the children their gifts in person. God is good to us poor."
—San Antonio, Tex.

CONSTANT UNTO DEATH

"I like to tell you about our Angela, a girl of fifteen. It is only a few years ago that the first Nagongera (Budama district) martyr suffered and died; she was sought after, but not in marriage, by a heathen man of evil character, who was urged on by her parents whose one thought was of the few goats they were going to receive in exchange for their daughter. Meeting the priest one day she told him of her danger, seemingly taking

it as a matter of course that she should die rather than consent, and so she did; soon after he was sent for and found her dying in the Government Hospital, her head cut almost to pieces. She told Father when he gave her the Last Sacraments that she would not sin. She is the first fruit of the girlhood in Nagongera — Angela Nyaka."—Nagongera, East, Prov. Uganda, E. E. Africa.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

"My oldest son is in the Navy, and last Sunday, October 7, 1945, he was home on leave and had to be back at camp on Monday morning at 7 o'clock, and as you must know, Reverend Father, the Greyhound buses have been on strike here in California so my son had to hitch-hike from Red Bluff to Oakland to his camp which is a couple of hundred miles, and Sunday we had a storm of thunder and rain when my son left home for camp. On my knees I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha and promised her one dollar, which I can afford to give her now, if Kateri Tekakwitha would see that my son caught a ride from Red Bluff to Oakland with nice people, as I was afraid to have my son hitch-hike so far, but our Lord and Kateri watched over him because he got a ride from Red Bluff to Oakland safe in camp."

—Red Bluff, Cal.

"Two very late answers to the novena of last April 17 (I mean the news came late). Do you remember the case of my cousin who was cured of a serious mental condition some years back? Her mother told me in August that she had made the Kateri novena, and the very day it ended her daughter called her, long distance, and said: 'Have you been praying for me? I've been very nervous lately, crying a great deal, but now I am better.' The mother said: 'Why, yes. The Tekakwitha novena.' The girl replied: 'I thought so.'"

—Sprague, Wash.

CAMPS, CLUBS, COURTS

- Camp Tegakwitha, Lake Hopatcong Landing, N. J.
- Kateri Tekakwitha Study Club, Decatur, Ill.
- Tekakwitha Club (Study Club), Buffalo, N. Y.
- Tekakwitha Cove on Leech Lake, Brevik, Minn.
- Tekakwitha Shrine, Patron of Nodaks, Duluth, Minn.
- Tekakwitha Club, Woonsocket, R. I.
- "Kateri Club" (32 Seniors), O'Neill, Neb.
- Tekakwitha Shrine (Statue), Rochester, N. Y.
- Tekakwitha Patroness—St. Rita's Camp, Groveport, O.
- Church of St. Catherine, Calgary, Canada.
- Tekakwitha Club at Paguete, New Mexico.
- Kateri Tekakwitha (Patroness of parish unit—Catholic Youth), Duryea, Pa.
- Tegakwitha Society, Manitowoc, Wis.
- Lily of the Mohawks Household, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Tekakwitha Grove, Wasatch Mt., Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Tekakwitha Lodge, Nashotah, Wis.
- Kateri Shrine, St. Joseph's Academy, Portland, Me.
- Tekakwitha Shrine, Star Route, Canton, N. Y.
- "Kateri" Deerskin Gloves, Desmet, Idaho.
- Tekakwitha Cradle Roll, Cincinnati, O.
- Tekakwitha Mothers' Club, Cincinnati, O.
- Tekakwitha Club, Newton Centre, Mass.
- Tekakwitha Troop (Girl Scout), Las Vegas, N. M.
- Tegakwitha Mission, St. Michaels, Ariz.
- Teka-Tokens (Tekakwitha Club and Sodality News).
- Camp Tekakwitha, Chardon, Neb. (July, 1940).
- Kateri Tekakwitha Club, Oswego, N. Y. (Sept., 1940).
- Kateri Tekakwitha Club, Louisiana State University, La. (April, 1941).
- Tekakwitha Lodge, Brooklyn, N. Y. (May, 1941) (Summer cottage).
- Parish Circle named in honor of Tekakwitha, Denver, Colo. (July, 1941).
- Tekakwitha—Camp Fire Girls, Lakewood, O. (Oct., 1941).
- Ka-Te-Ri Lodge, Denver, Colo. (Sept., 1941).
- Tekakwitha—Patroness Mission La Sierra Tarahumara, Chihuahua, Mexico (Nov., 1941).
- Tekakwitha Outdoor Shrine, Springfield, Ill. (Nov., 1941).
- Tekakwitha Missionary Club, St. Paul, Minn. (May, 1942).
- Tekakwitha Girls' Club—Miss Marjorie Beck, Newport, Ky. (Mar., 1944).
- Tekakwitha Club—St. Patrick's School, Waukon, Iowa (Mar., 1944).
- Camp Fire Girls, Youngstown, O. (April, 1945).
- Camp "Tekakwitha"—Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. La Bombard, Plattsburg, N. Y. (May, 1945).
- Mountain Camp to Venerable Tekakwitha—Rev. V. S. Teclaw, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Club in honor of Tekakwitha—Miss Mary Wetta, Baton Rouge, La.
- Katherine Tekakwitha Club—Miss Cecilia Calabrese, Buffalo, N. Y.
- The Kateri Lodge—Mrs. G. M. Daniels, Hayward, Wis.
- Kateri Tekakwitha—Patron of Unit of Children of Mary, St. Margaret Mary's School, Detroit, Mich.
- Tekakwitha—Patroness of "Children of Mary," St. Michael's School, Pontiac, Mich.

"I have received many favors, one a new position with a bigger salary."—Jersey City.

"We asked Catherine for a special favor only on Monday, and here it was granted on Thursday." —Philadelphia.

"My little nephew was taken ill but has now recovered, thanks to dear Catherine and the Blessed Virgin." —Syracuse, N. Y.

"Am herewith enclosing an offering toward Kateri's Cause; for employment received by my husband, a returned War Veteran." —Chevy Chase, Md.

"Enclosed please find offering to thank her for all she has done, is doing, and will do for me." —Waukon, Iowa.

"Inclosed is an offering for the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha to thank her for a financial favor; we had one chance in a hundred of receiving it." —Sacramento, Cal.

"A donation for Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause in thanksgiving for good health, financial assistance out of a tight spot, and safety of my husband." —West Hartford, Conn.

"Enclosed find a small offering in thanksgiving to Tekakwitha for having obtained two good postulants for our Sisters Magdalens Community." —Cincinnati.

"Enclosed I promised Kateri's Cause for all the favors received through her. I sure have great faith in her, because she always helps us when we ask her." —Hays, Mont.

"Thanksgiving for help received through her intercession and asking for perfect healing of broken arm of a friend. Tekakwitha has been a powerful intercessor in my behalf." —Denver, Col.

"I have never gone to her for help in money trouble that I did not get it right away and in all kinds of ways. I never thought I would receive it." —Ottawa, Canada.

"I have been praying to the good Kateri for my son who has been ill. I promised to send offering in thanks if he got well, so enclosed is what I promised."—St. David, Ill.

"I am enclosing a contribution to thank Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha for answering my prayers. Only last week she again came to my aid. It is wonderful." —Charleston, Mass.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	2	Safety	1
Financial Aid	5	Spiritual	2
Not Specified	25		

PETITIONS

Cures	4	Relief in Distress	8
Financial Aid	7	Property Sale	2
Not Specified	30		

Obituary

Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Cleveland, O.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Duggan, Hartford, Conn.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. McCabe, Detroit, Mich.
Rev. Joseph Rooney, Prince Edward Island, Canada.
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Mrs. H. Poerlor, Sharpsburg, Pa.

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