

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## OUR HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year and happiness all the year round is the wish of the Vice Postulator for the Cause of the Venerable Tekakwitha for all who are devoted to her; and this wish is repeated in prayer every morning at Holy Mass "for all who are helping me in this Cause by their prayers, works and offerings and for all belonging to them who may be in special need; for the members of TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE living and departed."

The Indians of Kateri's day had no New Years' customs such as we have. Their missionaries kept reminding them of the feast days of the Christian year and their meaning, but just at this time of the year the mind of the Indians was centered on the Crib and the Child Saviour. Even pagan Indians were attracted to that and had some faint glimpse of its meaning. Images and pictures appealed to them more than lessons in their own language.

It is not likely that even the Christian Indians took New Year's resolutions, and they certainly had no vain thoughts like do many deluded persons among us today of creating a new world and new human order of things. For those who dwelt happily with Tekakwitha at Caughnawaga the new order was the peace, purity, sobriety in which they passed their days, trusting and helping one another, observing in the chapel and in their cabins

the religious practices taught them by the missionaries.

There is only One Who can say: "Behold, I make all things new"—the One Who made all things in the beginning and Who controls the order in which they exist and move. He it is Who enables His ministers to revitalize what is decadent and reform what has lost its original integrity.

Tekakwitha was handmaid to the ministers of God by her example, her chastity, her industry, patience in suffering, continuous prayer, and outshining devotion at Mass and when she was receiving Holy Communion. By God's special grace she had become a new creature, and by aid of this grace she helped the missionaries to make new the benighted human beings who had come under their care and keep them in their new condition.

Kateri's influence on this new order did not cease with her death. As narrated by her director, her death had a remarkable effect on the mission: "Devotion became general; the Indians all spoke of penances, self-denial, of renouncing all in order to give all to God in imitation of Catherine. From every side the people came to inform me of the beautiful resolutions, and, what is more, they succeeded in them . . . and persevered in them in spite of their youth and other strong reasons." Visit Caughnawaga today to see how all this has lasted.

## FROM A NON-CATHOLIC FRIEND

"Enclosed find an offering in thanksgiving to Tekakwitha for a very special favor received. Without her help I would have failed in my undertaking. It has been through Mrs. A. P. H., director and organizer of the Tekakwitha Club, that I learned of the 'Lily of the Mohawks.'"

—Mariemont, O.

## A WELCOME ADDITION, INDEED

"Checking over our account with Tekakwitha, I find that we owe her \$18.00, as eighteen postulants were admitted to our novitiate at our July and November entrances. In thanksgiving for this welcome addition to our novitiate, I am happy to enclose herewith a check as an offering for the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha."

—Seattle, Wash.

## WOULD THAT THIS WERE MORE FREQUENT!

"A few months ago I wrote asking for Tekakwitha's intercession and your prayers for the recovery and safe return of my nephew; he was the one survivor of twelve in one of the engagements he took part in. Thanks be to God, my plea was heard and answered. After treatment in a hospital in France, later in England, and finally in St. Albans, L. I., N. Y., he was given a medical discharge, able to walk and has resumed his education in college."

—Baltimore, Md.

## HAPPY DAYS AND A HAPPY FUTURE

"I am greatly interested in Kateri Tekakwitha as she is my patron. I am only a Senior in high school, but pray for her canonization every day. Last year our Senior Dramatic Class gave the story of her life in a play. I am a member of the school orchestra which always accompanies a play, and got the thrill of my life when they gave me a solo to play. There is also a Girl Scout

Troop in Chicago that has dedicated themselves to her. I am leaving for the Providence Novitiate in February, 1947, and am praying that I get the name of my patron in some form."

—Chicago, Ill.

## HER CLIENTS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

"Enclosed is check for the offering I promised if Kateri obtained for me a very special favor. This is at least the third favor I have obtained through her intercession."

—St. Louis, Mo.

"I wish to spread devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha. I pray for her canonization daily and have asked her to take care of our finances. It seems she is doing that as we have been able to meet all of our obligations. I am going to beg her for a big help this time."

—Ottumwa, Iowa.

"Will you kindly say, or have said, five Masses in honor of the dear Sacred Heart and for the canonization of Venerable 'Kateri,' in thanksgiving for the many favors she has obtained for me and for one in particular. In all cases, except one, her answers have been to financial problems, and that one, too, indirectly, is financial."

—New York.

"... find money-order for a High Mass in honor of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha for favor received: the safe journey through the duration of Lieut. T. F. S. He was a U. S. N. R. and always in dangerous territory."

—Topeka, Kan.

"I started a novena last September, 1944, to her for a favor to help me, and when I ended my ninth day she sent me to the hospital. I had been treated for twelve years for kidney trouble but did not get relief. I am happy to say I asked her to direct me to some other doctor, which she did. I underwent an operation—two majors in one. I never felt sick anytime after the operation; started to gain soon after, and am now enjoying health again."

—Turners Falls, Mass.

## AND STILL ANOTHER

"I had been married for some time and wanted so badly to have a baby. I was advised by my friend, Mrs. J. H., to pray to Kateri. My wish was fulfilled, but my baby died. I prayed constantly to her again and was given the honor of becoming a mother. I carried my baby safely until the time of her birth. I was given no hope of having my baby delivered alive. During those long hours of pain and waiting I called upon Kateri to help me. My baby was born—a beautiful baby girl, perfect in every way. It was really like a miracle and I feel that it was only through her help that today my baby is alive and well. I promised through the long months of waiting that if my baby was a girl I'd name her Catherine. She was born September 12, the feast of the name of Mary. I baptized her Catherine Mary."

—Syracuse, N. Y.

## NOT ALL INDIANS INCONSTANT

"Did I rave on to you last fall about my great renunciation? Well, obedience called me back to Kateri this summer, but I still was in the spirit of detachment, and dared, with Father's blessing, to suggest to the members of the Kateri Club at Desmet, Idaho, that we 'bury' the Club for the wartime since there wasn't much activity anyhow. I said we could have a ceremony, put our names in a bottle and bury them under a tree by the church. Imagine my surprise when a *delegation* waited upon me to say that the members did not want to be buried, that Kateri meant too much to them, and they didn't care how little activity was shown. It lived. So we had a venison roast over a bonfire by the trees and pledged ourselves to a long life for Kateri. Mrs. K. is willing to sell all her specially prepared buckskin-cutting glove patterns for only \$50, and they are working on this now. I was surprised and overjoyed at their spirit, of course."

"I met another devotee in Spokane. She is praying to Kateri for the curing of her son's mental aberration and says she has often heard that the Indian Venerable has special efficacy for these cases. Why not more accent on this for the poor victims of the war's effect?"

—Sprague, Wash.

## AND NO WORD OF WAR HORRORS

"Perhaps you will be surprised to receive a letter from an unknown friend and more because it comes from a country like the Philippine Islands. Well, Reverend Father, my deep devotion to the blessed Tekakwitha urged me to do so. I am Sor Maria Nicotasa, A Philipina Augustinian Sister of the Colegio de Ntra Sra. del Carmen, Barasoain, Malolos, Bulacan. At present I am the Mother Superior of the said college. I have received so many special graces through the intercession of blessed Tekakwitha. That made me have a great desire to send you the many wonderful favors I personally and also our community received through her. The devotion to her is now spread here in the Philippines. I would be very much obliged if you would kindly send me by next mail, as my friends are daily asking me to give them, things about blessed Tekakwitha because they, too, have received graces from her."

—Philippine Islands.

## FROM EVERYWHERE

"The enclosed contribution is really from Mrs. E. L., whose husband, a doctor, returned safely from overseas. They are Episcopalians, but are learning to trust to her direction."

—Staunton, Va.

"As you see I'm in California now, but the little Indian maid is with me always. She has taken care of us and seen us through countless difficulties. Sometimes the help seemed a miracle. I'm sending a donation to help out."

—Long Beach, Cal.



"This offering is in appreciation for two financial favors which I obtained through her intercession."  
—Louisville, Ky.

"I promised to send this gift if my wish was granted. My wish came true; many thanks to Kateri."  
—Fort Madison, Iowa.

"On several occasions, the Lily of the Mohawks has interceded for us in an unusual way. Yesterday we received three favors which were unusual."  
—Ogden, Utah.

"For the Tekakwitha League. It is given as a thanksgiving offering in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Kateri."  
—Springfield, O.

"Enclosed please find offering for the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha, in thanksgiving for temporal favors received through her intercession."  
—Columbus, O.

"The enclosed is in thanksgiving toward the Cause of Tekakwitha, through whose intercession my son received a furlough from duty in the South Pacific."  
—Baltimore, Md.

"I am enclosing check for \$5.00 which I promised to send for favor received. Please use it to further the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha."  
—Los Angeles, Cal.

"Enclosed offering in thanksgiving for favor received through the assistance of Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks; viz., reconciliation with my family."  
—Toledo, O.

"Enclosed is a small offering in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for finding a job for my brother, with the prayer that she will always take care of him."  
—Lakewood, N. J.

"My last favor was granted, in receiving the sum of money I needed."  
—White Castle, La.

"This is the offering I promised to make if Kateri obtained two favors for me."  
—St. Louis, Mo.

"The offering was promised in thanksgiving for the success of a dinner and carnival given for the help and support of our school."  
—Denison, Tex.

"This is to acknowledge what I feel sure is the prompt assistance of Kateri in relieving me of skin infection on two separate occasions."  
—New Brunswick, N. J.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	1	Property Settlement ..	1
Financial Aid .....	6	Relief in Distress .....	1
Not Specified .....	34		

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	5	Relief in Distress .....	4
Financial Aid .....	10	Safety .....	6
Not Specified .....	25		

#### Obituary

Rev. William E. O'Gorman, Castle Point, N. Y.  
Mr. Frank A. O'Connor, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mrs. J. C. Murphy, Waseca, Minn.  
Miss Alice Augustin, New Orleans, La.  
Miss Kathryn Brown, Pittston, Pa.

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