



THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*

THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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### Correspondence With Vatican City

Readers of Jane Scrivener's precious book will appreciate why it still takes so long for a letter to come from there and so long for a reply to get there; and the same holds good for Vatican City. The wonder is that any communication whatever is possible.

The German occupants of the eternal city might have acted much worse than they did. They were evidently awed by the influence which the Vatican exercised even on behalf of territory and institutions which were not Vatican but distinctly Roman. Still their occupancy was injurious enough, depriving as it did the citizens and even prominent ecclesiastics of food, transportation, heat, privacy and freedom.

Jane Scrivener is a pen name. The writer, strange to say, is a nun, who on account of her relations with the Vatican Library had advantages of which others were deprived. Would that among our army of war correspondents there had been even a few others who could write with the clarity and accuracy of this woman religious! The book is precious as a record of all the Holy Father succeeded in doing to check the rapacity of the occupants, to feed the multitude, to succor the wounded and distressed, to maintain order, to keep up hope during the long visitation. The whole vivid story has a climax in the enthusiastic tribute of praise to His Holiness by everyone in Rome. Read *Inside Rome with the Germans*.

### Tekakwitha in Belgium

*The Courier Journal* of Rochester published this brief account of a Tekakwitha Chapel in Belgium. Before she is canonized it is not permitted to erect a chapel in her honor; but it is not expected that Catholic officers and enlisted men should know this point of Canon Law. Officials of the Archdiocese of Malines know it and they will accept the structure as a cabin or hall or other edifice erected in Kateri's honor. Meantime the piety of our men in service will no doubt be rewarded by blessings obtained through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God. The account is as follows:

"In a battle-scarred village in Belgium stands a chapel dedicated to an American Indian maid, the Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha, known as the 'Lily of the Mohawks.'

"It was built by the Catholic officers and enlisted men of the 253d Ordnance Battalion under the direction of Lt. Col. Owen T. McCloskey of St. John the Evangelist parish here (Columbus, N. C.) and was blessed by Cardinal Joseph Van Roey, Archbishop of Malines.

"The cannon were hardly stilled outside the little Belgian village when the men gathered for the dedication of what is believed

to be the first statue in Europe of the 'Lily of the Mohawks.'

"The chapel will be turned over to the Malines Archdiocese when the U. S. Army relinquishes its camp nearby."

#### A PERTINENT QUESTION

*Scarcely a day passes without our receiving a communication like this:*

"I have received a great favor through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha and promised to aid in promoting her Cause in return. I am writing to ask you what, in your opinion, would be the best method of keeping this promise to the best of my ability." —Dallas, Tex.

It would be an easy question to answer if we could know the questioners and their environment. Still there is a general answer and that is: there are in print leaflets, booklets, pictures which tell briefly and interestingly all there is to know about Venerable Tekakwitha. These can easily be distributed. They will not fail to inspire readers with an admiration and love of this heroic Servant of God. Her life was so extraordinary. What more fascinating than the story of the Indian Maid, Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha? Orphaned at four, unbaptized until twenty, and yet unsullied in vicious surroundings! She loved to revere a rude Cross in the forest against background of Indian village, palisade, wigwam, cornfield, trail, lake and river, war-dance, sorcery, riotous feast and tortured captive, all part of the romance. What a new thing it will be in the annals of holiness when she is declared Saint!

The leaflet that captivates many is the one that tells of the TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE, founded soon after her death:

To cherish her memory, to venerate her and imitate her virtues, to invoke her for all manner of blessings, to pray she may become Blessed, and Saint.

Members are daily recommended in Holy Mass and in the Divine Office, the Universal Prayer of the Church (recited by priests daily), by the V. Postulator for her Canonization. They receive also the Monthly Message, THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS.

Then there is this monthly message, THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS, which keeps its readers informed about the progress of the Cause for Kateri's canonization, the steady increase of devotion to her, and the story of remarkable favors attributed to her intercession.

#### A REAL BLESSING

"About two years ago my sister was kicked by a horse in the calf of her leg which caused a running sore that was very painful. Two months ago I went to see her. It was very bad. I told her I would make a continual novena to the Lily of the Mohawks. Two days ago she wrote me saying that the wound was entirely healed." —Xavier, Kan.

#### TO CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA

RHETTA O'ROURKE

Sweet Wildwood Flower! thy fragrance lend  
To us who still o'er hill and lea,  
Life's toilsome way, with care must wend,  
If we the light of heav'n would see.

Before the throne of Love and Grace,  
We beg of thee, our names to say,  
And ask that each in his own place  
May scatter fragrance on life's way.

An odor sweet, in word and deed;  
The incense pure of frequent prayer,  
An adoration that will plead  
Our cause with Him Whose sign we bear.

These favors beg for us who still  
Tread wildwood ways your feet have trod  
And we a cup of thanks will fill  
To offer in your name to God.

## GRATITUDE

"Please accept this offering as a small thanks offering. I have two sons and both were in the Army and overseas. I am very thankful that their lives have been spared. One has arrived home just in time for Christmas, the other is soon to leave France. No doubt you wonder why I send it to you. I am sending it because Miss T. McC., of Topeka, placed their names on a plaque together with many others and offered prayers for them; so as a token of appreciation for her kindness I want to give this to you."

—Olathe, Kan.

## PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

"In my hour of need I appealed to Our Father and our Venerable Katherine for help and protection for the loved ones; and so, in my days of happiness for the prayers answered, I am remembering with this small offering of thanksgiving. For me and my family this last Christmas was the happiest and best. My son and son-in-law returned from Japan and the Philippines in time to spend the Christmas holidays with the girls and me. We have had wonderful blessings, as we all know it is really a marvel to have the boys back safe and sound in mind and body, and while appreciating this we are also remembering those who could not have their own back with them again; and pray that God in His way will shower them with blessings. My very best wishes for personal good luck and for continued success in your work in the interest of our Venerable Katherine. And thank you for your prayers for me and mine."

—Pawhuska, Okla.

## OLD, MAKING HER LIVING, AND STILL—

"Enclosed is a dollar in thanks to Venerable Catherine for the favors she has granted; If I had more I would give more, but I am old and am making my own living."

—Malta, Mont.

## WORTH NOTING

"On behalf of His Excellency Bishop — we are pleased to send you the enclosed check for \$100 as an offering towards the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. We are grateful for the favors granted us for our financial needs through her intercession."

—The Chancellor.

## AND FAVORS MULTIPLY

"The enclosed check is being sent in thanksgiving for favors received through Little Catherine."

—New York.

"I am enclosing a U. S. postal note as a token of thanksgiving for two favors that I believe Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha was instrumental in granting to me. I would like this money to be used to make her Cause known to others."

—New York.

"Enclosed is offering to further the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha's canonization. I have been granted many favors to myself and for other people for whom I have prayed through her intercession. May God grant she will be honored among the blessed in heaven in the near future."

—Provincetown, Mass.

"I wrote to you this Fall to tell you I wished to spread devotion to Tekakwitha and that I wanted a great favor from her. Today I received a check for five hundred dollars from a man whom we have never met and do not know personally. I'm sure it is a direct answer to prayer. I have implicit confidence in our saintly Tekakwitha."

—Sister M., Ottumwa, Ia.

## FROM AN ARDENT DEVOTEE

"Gave a Tekakwitha medal and leaflet to non-Catholic whose father-in-law was very ill—the medal was pinned on the elderly gentleman and he is now up and perfectly well and they say it is due to Tekakwitha."

—New Jersey.



"In gratitude and for the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha." —Youngstown, O.

"I recently received a favor and offer this as a thanksgiving." —Riverside, Cal.

"The enclosed is a thanksgiving offering to Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha after a favor received." —Troy, N. Y.

"Please find enclosed a money-order in thanksgiving for a favor granted." —Morristown, N. J.

"Enclosed find check to be used toward the Cause for the beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for her intercession in disposing of property at a reasonable figure." —Newark, N. J.

"Enclosed is check as my offering to the Cause of Tekakwitha in appreciation for a favor received—I was able to secure a position most unexpectedly. Also asking her intercession for additional favors which I am confident will be granted soon." —Buffalo, N. Y.

"In keeping with a promise made, if a certain favor was granted, I am enclosing an offering for Kateri's Cause."—Chicago, Ill.

"Please find a small offering in gratitude for two favors received and in petition for two more." —A Patron.

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

"Enclosed is an offering for the Cause to thank her for financial favors. She helps us wonderfully in the sales to carry on our activities." —Plaucheville, La.

"Enclosed is a check to be used for the advancement of the Cause of Beatification of the Lily of the Mohawks. In response to many requests that I have made to her, she has never failed to answer me. This is an offering of thanksgiving." —Chicago, Ill.

"A man in Baltimore had ulcers and was to be operated on. Mr. C. sent him Tekakwitha medals and leaflets. He pinned the medal on, said the prayer, gave them to friends to pray for him. To the astonishment of the doctor, the ulcers disappeared."

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	5	Relief in Distress .....	4
Safety .....	3	Employment .....	2
Postulants .....	2	Not Specified .....	55

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	2	Relief in Distress .....	3
Financial Aid .....	8	Not Specified .....	20

#### Obituary

Miss Mary E. Comerford, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Mr. T. J. Ryan, St. Mary's, Kan.  
T. B. Garvey, Burlington, Vt.  
Mr. Andrew Murphy, New York, N. Y.

### TO MAKE TEKAKWITHA KNOWN AND LOVED

#### LEAFLETS

- I—Medallion, prayer, sketch, favors.  
II—Novena, with daily reflexion.  
5c. for 2; 25c. a dozen

#### LIFE

By Wynne, 32 pages, illustrated, 12c.

#### MEDAL

Image and title "Lily of the Mohawks,"  
special metal, 15c.; silver, 60c.

#### PICTURES

- Small—with sketch and prayer ..... 5c.  
" lithograph, color, sketch and prayer ..... 10c.  
" lithograph, color, silk applied to silks ..... 20c.  
Large—lithograph in color, 12½ x 8½ inches,  
mounted so as to need no frames for  
class or private room ..... 60c.

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