

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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By a happy coincidence this year the day on which Tekakwitha departed this life and, as we piously believe, entered the life of eternal bliss, Wednesday in Holy Week, reminds us of the eagerness with which she took part in the solemn ceremonies in memory of the Passion and Death of Christ and of His Glorious Resurrection. Accustomed as we

are to speak of the untutored minds of her tribespeople, it is wonderful how deeply they were impressed by witnessing the drama of the Passion, chanting its mournful melodies, worshiping the Crucifix and, after due recollection Good Friday, intoning Easter Alleluias and the Gloria in Excelsis. May her dying day soon become her Feast Day.

TWO NOTABLE BOOKS

It speaks well for the authors and readers that two books on holiness have had their third edition in a few years — *Sanctity in America*, by our Apostolic Delegate, His Excellency Amleto G. Cicognani, and *Heroes of the Cross*, to which title might have been added "In America," by the author, Reverend Marion Habig, O.F.M.

Tekakwitha has her place in the Apostolic Delegate's book with sketch and picture. This new edition adds articles on several whose names should be household memories among Catholics, notably Archbishop Seghers, Apostle of Alaska, and Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, who used to help priests

with their sermons and with exhortations to religious communities.

Father Habig's book is a valuable record of the early Franciscan Missionary Martyrs on what is now the soil of the United States, Canada and Central America. So painstaking, it was evidently a labor of love on the author's part to keep alive the memory of the valiant and devoted 117 members of his Order who bedewed with their blood the territory now occupied by so many of our states and numerous dioceses. The author tells how the Holy See has been petitioned to institute a common Cause for canonizing these and early Jesuit and Franciscan Martyrs.

A SIGNIFICANT TRICENTENARY

Three hundred years ago Father Isaac Jogues, now Saint, was martyred at Osser-
non, near Auriesville, N. Y. Four years before his faithful companion, René Goupil,

was put to death for his faith by the Mohawk Indians, and the day after Jogues died his guide, John Lalande, was tomahawked. A few years after five of Jogues' fellow mis-

sionaries were tortured and killed by the same brutal Mohawks in upper Canada. In this tercentenary celebration they are grouped together. Rightly is Tekakwitha considered the principal fruit of their missionary work and sacrifices. She was born where Jogues, Goupil and Lalande were slain, and she died in Canada where the others underwent martyrdom. Though not herself a martyr, she suffered so much in poor health, by persecution and by her self-inflicted penances as to merit the reward of those who suffer for justice sake.

NOTHING LIKE A DEFINITE OBJECT

"My wife and I haven't forgotten about Catherine Tekakwitha, as we have received many favors through her intercession. One was a very important decision in a personal matter. After being discharged from the service, I prayed to the Blessed Mother and Catherine that I would get a position I had my heart and soul set on. I also prayed that I would pass my driver's test to handle this position, and I'm happy to say I got the position and passed my driver's test. Before going in the service, I prayed to Catherine that I would get in a certain branch and I did. A year and a half before we were married we prayed to Catherine Tekakwitha that everything would go as we planned, and everything has turned out perfectly for us."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

A CHAPLAIN'S STORY

"One boy was very discouraged. He had a home problem and was trying without success to get out of the Army. His papers were returned after the third novena. They were marked 'disapproved.' I told him to resubmit the papers and make a fourth novena. He did, and on the last day of the fourth novena his papers came back again from higher headquarters, but this time they were marked 'approved' and he was on way to a Separation Center the next day."

"The other day I got a letter from one of my former parishioners at Bushwood (St. Mary's County) who went with his wife on their honeymoon to Auriesville and Fonda as a pilgrimage thanksgiving. It didn't seem possible that he would ever marry his wife. He prayed every day to Kateri for about three years, and then his prayers were answered."

—Santa Ana, Cal.

FAITH REMOVES MOUNTAINS

"As we have told you before, she has favored us so many times and usually the favors come to us on Saturday, our Blessed Mother's day. This past fall I made a novena that our son in the service would get home for Christmas. On the Saturday of the novena he was given a clerk's rating which meant better conditions for him in every way and eventually a little more money. I thought that would have to be our answer, but on the Saturday before Christmas I had a telephone call saying he had gone into town near his camp and would be home the next day if the train would have room for him. It was really a joy when we met him on Sunday and he and I had time to make the Stations in thanksgiving before we attended Mass."

"You may remember a few years ago I wrote to you to say that a calamity would be averted. We promised an offering and also my sisters and I would always keep a picture of Kateri in our living room if we received the favor. I did not explain the nature of our difficulty, but read recently where Kateri should be invoked in cases where mental health was concerned, and that we should relate our experience. My husband's brother became suddenly and violently insane one morning while he was driving his car and his two small children were riding with him. His parish priest wrote us that his trouble was incurable. Of course the entire family besieged heaven in his behalf, but we especially asked Kateri to help. He was restored

to health, has since received a fine promotion in his work and, best of all, the shadow was lifted from him. Since there are so many afflicted as an aftermath of the war, perhaps this might help others in similar trouble."

—Kansas City, Mo.

THE CALF CLUB PAYS CHURCH DEBT \$15,900

"I am enclosing report of our Calf Club which I formed six years ago under the patronage of Blessed Tekakwitha, to pay off the debt of \$16,000 which was standing here for years — and with several crop failures, no hope of paying it off. I was out in Arizona and New Mexico in my early life for fourteen years among the Indians and Mexicans. We have only 100 families with complete grade and high school (parochial), lots of improvements to be made, etc. This has been accomplished with the help of Blessed Tekakwitha. If you ever have a relic, please remember us."

—Olpe, Kan.

A CALF CLUB IS A STEER CLUB

"Cattle was purchased by the parish and given to individual parishioners to feed until time of sale. The report shows 222 head of cattle purchased and one steer donated. During the five years only one steer died, leaving 222 sold. Ten hogs were donated and cash contributions amounted to \$3,215.72. A further check shows that 114 families were members of the club at some time or another, which makes the participation almost 100%; 35 families were members for all five years."

SUFFER THE LITTLE ONES

"The Catholic Knights of Wisconsin are sponsoring an essay contest and have assigned 'Kateri Tekakwitha' to the seventh grade."

—Milwaukee, Wis.

A PLEASING VARIETY

"Little Catherine has heard the prayers of members of my family and difficulties that

seemed insurmountable passed away with the greatest of ease."

—Richmond, Va.

"We wanted to sell our home, but had great difficulty in doing so. A friend told me about Kateri and gave me a prayer to say every day. At the end of three weeks a good buyer came along."

—Waukon, Ia.

"Offering for a Mass to hasten the canonization of Catherine Tekakwitha in acknowledgment of a successful operation for a tumor to obtain which the recipient not only wore the relic of Kateri but daily offered her prayers to Catherine."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

"A gentleman in Baltimore had ulcers very bad and he was to be operated on. Mr. C. sent him some Tekakwitha medals and leaflets. He pinned the medal on and said the prayer, also gave them to his friends asking them to pray for him—to the astonishment of the doctor upon examination the ulcers had disappeared."

"As you already know, Little Catherine is our head salesman in our real estate office. She helped us close another sale today so, as promised, we are sending you her commission of \$10.00. The other \$25.00 is to help meet the expense of making her better known and to fulfil a promise made over a year ago for favor obtained."

—St. Petersburg, Fla.

"My sister asked me to pray that her husband, who recently returned from overseas, would soon find a job as a machinist. On the fifth day after we both began praying to Catherine Tekakwitha our petition was granted. This seemed so miraculous that I'm compelled to report this favor to you. Everyone considered his attempt to find a job here in Pittsburgh almost futile since he originally comes from Houston, Texas, hence a stranger around this vicinity."

—Perryville, Pa.

"I am a convert and Tekakwitha has always responded to my prayers, generally twofold." —Indianapolis, Ind.

"The enclosed offering is in gratitude for success in examinations through the help of Tekakwitha." —Detroit, Mich.

"I made a novena in her honor that my husband would find employment and on the last day of the novena my request was granted." —Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Enclosed is offering for Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for favor received through her intercession." —Bloomington, Ill.

"Enclosed is a donation in gratitude for the favor obtained through the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha." —Hamburg, N. Y.

"It is in appreciation for a favor obtained through her intercession, which I had been striving to obtain for twenty-five years, and only did so after seeking her intercession." —Spokane, Wash.

"I have been making many novenas to 'Katherine, Lily of the Mohawks,' for several years, and she never fails me. I want to thank her for the many favors and blessings she has given me during the year 1945. I will always spread her devotion, will never cease to let people know about her and will always be grateful for whatever she gives me." —Dayton, O.

"This offering is sent in gratitude for the largest class of postulants we have had in over thirty years. Will you kindly pray for the perseverance of these young girls, so that they become worthy novices and religious?" —New Orleans.

"She had an operation, a rather serious one; she invoked Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, when she was suffering much pain and vomiting; she promised to help her for her canonization, and she got well immediately. Her little boy was very sick with a throat ailment again; she promised a donation if he got well. The boy is well now." —San Antonio, Tex.

"Last week my baby was taken ill with something we thought she would have the rest of her life. I at once started a novena to Kateri. On the fifth day all signs of any sickness had suddenly disappeared. I know it is only through my deep faith and devotion to Kateri that this happened." —Syracuse, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	7	Relief in Distress	4
Financial Aid	2	Not Specified	34

PETITIONS

Cures	6	Employment	6
Financial Aid	10	Not Specified	20

Obituary

Rt. Rev. Msgr. David F. Hickey, Bradford, Pa.

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