

Fairest flower that ever



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# THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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### A BISHOP'S PROMISE

"As an ardent admirer of the Indian Maiden, I was glad to hear that her Cause for canonization seems to be approaching the closing stages. I have put her on the 'spot' quite a number of times and she never fails, so that I promised that as soon as she was canonized, the first church built in the di-

ocese of St. Cloud after her canonization would be placed under her patronage. That honor, if we can give honor to her, should prove of value in hurrying this process along. I am enclosing a little help toward the Cause."

—The Bishop, St. Cloud, Minn.

May this honor be soon in order!

### KATERI AND PUBLICITY

Tekakwitha has been getting a lot of publicity in Canada recently. The Canadian Messenger for February published an article on Caughnawaga where her remains repose, telling about the life there of her people, their social condition, their schools for the young and their employment.

Then their church was one hundred years old last year. Its centenary was duly celebrated, and now we have the record under the title, *l'ai cent ans* ("I'm a hundred years

old"), very attractively told and quite as attractively printed with illustrations worth having.

Next comes the summary of her Life in the narrative which appeared away back in 1682, with a cover which arrests attention, picturing her near the canoe that brought her to Canada, the birch-tree and the lordly St. Lawrence flowing so that one can almost hear it rush. And the rapids near Caughnawaga do rush.

## ONE OF HER CAMPS

True to his interest in the young, His Excellency The Most Reverend William A. Scully, Coadjutor Bishop of Albany, has started a movement to double the accommodations at Camp Tekakwitha on Lake Luzerne, so that 240 instead of 120 boys may have a week's vacation there.

There are at least ten such camps in warious parts of the country and as many more under the names cove, lodge, grove, besides the Jewish Camp Tekakwitha not far from the Catholic camp on Lake Luzerne. Strange how this denizen of the forest puts her stamp on so many places!

#### HIGH PRAISE

"This is the most efficacious prayer I have ever said and am indeed interested in any information or prayers you may have."

-San Antonio, Tex.

#### PRACTICAL DEVOTION

"Please send me five large lithographs in color, five lithographs with silk applied to relic, one *Life*, by Wynne. This is a promise fulfilled for a great favor received. The pictures go to a small four-room country school."

—Highland, Md.

#### A FOILED INIQUITY

"Enclosed is an offering toward the Cause of Tekakwitha in appreciation of protection. Our home was robbed recently and while we had some loss it was marvelous the articles of great value that were undisturbed."

-New Orleans.

#### A FAVORITE TRIBUTE

"I promised to have five Masses said, also to send offering toward promoting the Kateri Cause. I obtained a favor through her intercession. Please say the Masses in her honor for the forgotten souls." —Dallas, Tex.

#### A HAPPY REMEDY

"I am a nurse; I fell in the diet kitchen and sprained my ankle. I did not know how I was going to work until 7 a.m., so I went back to my room and got the prayer with her picture on it, put it in my shoe and was able to finish my night's work. I am so grateful to her for this and many other favors I have received from her."

—Harmarville, Pa.

#### KATERI WAS AN ORPHAN, TOO

"My husband was killed in an accident eleven years ago, leaving me with three small children (six years, four years and one and one-half years) to care for. A friend had sent me a Tekakwitha leaflet. We all prayed to Kateri for help and guidance and I am sure our prayers were answered through her intercession. We have never been in want."

—Stewartsville, Minn.

#### A CHILD OF PROMISE

"Since our very first novena to Tekakwitha every move or change we have made has been for the better. Our greatest blessing is our little girl, now three years old, for whose safe delivery we thank Catherine for whom she was named and she can say the prayer to Tekakwitha, the Our Father and Hail Mary since she was a little over two."

-Essex, Md.

#### HOMELY BLESSINGS

"Enclosed find a little offering to further the Cause of Tekakwitha. It is in thanksgiving for two favors received. Our two sons are in the service and my husband is away from home frequently. I wanted to find a desirable person we could have here and not have to be alone. Thanks to Kateri, we now have just that person. My husband received some extra money through an investment he had."

—Kansas City, Mo.

#### LASTING DEVOTION

"About three years ago my husband had \$1,200 due him for over four years. I made a novena to her and before the ninth day he received the full amount. About two weeks ago, while I was worried about some debt, I received your letter and prayer to her, and last Saturday, through her intercession, I had the money to pay the debts. I will always remember her because my own dear mother loved her and prayed to her and has told me some wonderful favors people have had granted through her, especially the St. Vincent de Paul Nuns."

—St. Louis.

# THE MARTYRS AND KATERI IN JAMANCA, B. W. I.

"I want to thank you very much for the copies of the North-American Martyrs, for the pamphlets by Father Tracey, and for the medals of Kateri Tekakwitha that you sent to me. The stories of the North-American Martyrs have made a great impression on the

bwn devotion to our own brother Saints. I am happy in spreading devotion to them among our people; and also in spreading devotion to our little friend, Kateri Tekakwitha. The more I spread devotion to them the more my personal love for them grows. You will be pleased to hear that the Kateri Tekakwitha School is doing exceptionally well. I am sure that Kateri is watching over it. I am keeping quite well and now that I have finished two of my churches I feel as if a great weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

—Linstead, Jamaica, B. W. I.

# Manifold Blessings in the Philippines

"I am Sor Resurreccion de Jesus, a Filippina Augustinian Sister of the Philippines. I am very such delighted to know that you are working for the canonization of Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha and you are asking some favors that we received from her. There is no doubt that Catherine is one of the Blessed in Heaven. I asked several favors from her and not one was denied. Below are the favors that I received:

- (1) We were informed that the Augustinian Sisters who evacuated in Bicol Province could not return home to the Mother House in Manila due to the danger of transportation. I invoked Catherine Tekakwitha and after five days we received the news that they all arrived safe and contented.
- When the policemen of Malolos, Bulacan, gave warning to the rich people to move to other places for the Japanese soldiers about 3,000 in number to occupy their houses, I invoked Tekakwitha and it was discontinued.
- "(3) When a pupil of mine came to me in distress for the parents were seeking divorce, I invoked Tekakwitha and the following morning they were reconciled.
- (4) During the Japanese occupation our parish priest was imprisoned by the Japanese

officers. I invoked her and after few days he was released.

- "(5) My cousin who was away from home could not get a job to support himself. I made a novena to Tekakwitha and after a week he informed me that he was offered a job at a good salary.
- "(6) When the Colonel sent a message to the parish priest that the 'guerrillas' will occupy the convent and make the campus a garrison, I invoked her and it was not continued.
- "(7) When my aunt informed me that my brother who died on the battle-field was not married in the Catholic Church, I invoked that the news may not be true. Upon asking my sister-in-law, she told me that they were married during the outbreak of the war and she showed me their marriage certificate.
- "(8) One of our students was suspected as a spy of the 'guerrillas' and she was brought to the garrison by the Japanese soldiers. I made a novena to her and at the end of my novena she was released.
- "(9) Our Reverend Mother Superior requested me to pray for her intercession that our Mother House would be able to pay all the debts during the year. We prayed daily the short prayer and after a year everything was settled.
- "(10) My friend was worried for a certain woman owed her 6,000 pesos and promised to pay at the end of the month. Three months elapsed and she was not paid. Others said that she is a 'woman that never pays her debt.' I made a novena and after the end of the novena the woman appeared and paid cash.

"Other minor favors received are mot stated in this letter. We hope that God will grant her canonization very soon for His eternal glory."—Colegio de Nuestra Semora del Carmen, Barasoain, Malolos, Bulacan, P. I. "Enclosed please find offering in gratitude for favors granted." —New Orleans.

"Since someone told me about Lily of the Mohawks and gave me her prayer to say, many things I asked and wished for came to pass."

—Union City, N. J.

"You will find enclosed a check in thanksgiving for various favors received through her intercession." —Beloit, Wis.

"Enclosed please find check to further the Cause of Tekakwitha. On several occasions she has obtained for me very great favors, especially in financial matters."

-Sioux City, Ia.

"Enclosed is check as my offering to the Cause of Blessed Tekakwitha, to show my gratitude for favors received through the Venerable, for money received from unexpected source."

—Buffalo, N. Y.

"Enclosed is my offering for the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks for a favor received recently and for many others; she has never failed me."

—Methuen, Mass.

"The enclosed covers four monthly offerings for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha in keeping with my promise to her."

-Cornwall, Pa.

"Enclosed please find offering for the Cause in thanksgiving for answers to novenas which I made to her recently. It is wonderful the way she comes to our aid."

-Philadelphia.

"About a month ago I wanted something mighty bad and on my way to work I said to myself: Tekakwitha, please come around and help me out; before the day was over my plea was answered. I am enclosing a small offering."

—New Orleans.

"The enclosed check is in thanksgiving to Katherine Tekakwitha for a favor received and to ask her intercession for a very special intention."

—Peekskill, N. Y.

"Please pray for Dr. and Mrs. E. L. They are Episcopalian and have devotion to Katherine Tekakwitha. At the moment they are greatly troubled. Mrs. L's young sister is beginning a course in instruction for conversion. They, too, may see the light."

-Stanton, Va.

"Two weeks ago I heard of Tekakwitha for the first time. I was in a very bad state, physically, mentally and spiritually. I asked her to help me. In two nights, from an entirely unexpected source, help came to me."

—Binghamtom, N. Y.

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