

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## THE TEKAKWITHA CABIN

Thanks to her devotees, the response to our appeal for erecting a Cabin as a memorial of Venerable Tekakwitha at her birthplace, Auriesville, the response has been prompt and generous and it promises to enable us to make the memorial somewhat worthy of her.

It is too soon as yet to present the design for it, or to describe, but the architect is doing his best to complete plan and we hope to

start erecting it soon. The co-operation we are receiving is proof of widespread devotion to her, and the Cabin and its contents will spread devotion among the thousands of pilgrims who visit Auriesville every year, and a reverence for her among the many non-Catholics who frequent the place because of its historic interest, and always with genuine reverence.

## TERCENTENARY AT AURIESVILLE

This year more than ever people of various beliefs will visit Auriesville because of the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the martyrdoms that occurred there in 1642 and 1646, notably of the missionary, Saint Isaac Jogues and his companions, the Saints Rene Goupil and John de Lalande, and also of their Indian neophytes who persevered in the Faith in spite of gruesome torture and death.

Members of historical societies, which are numerous in the Mohawk Valley and vicinity, school principals and teachers and their pupils, tourists, and groups of various organizations will be attracted to the sacred spot, since the celebration will be well advertised

by newspapers and broadcasts, by announcement in churches near and far, and by pilgrims, some of whom can boast that they have been at the Martyrs' Shrine every year since the pilgrimages started in 1885.

The Tekakwitha Cabin may not be finished, but we hope to have it well under way. It will spread volumes for the devotion of the Martyr missionaries who were never satisfied merely to make converts, but who always aimed at making even the rude Indians saints. In their minds the Church was not only Catholic but Holy; and their labors were well rewarded not only in Tekakwitha but in many distinguished instances of Indian men and women.

## SEVENTY YEARS ONLY

On the last day of this month, the Feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, the writer will, if God spares

him, have finished seventy years as a member of this Society. A good part of these years was spent in helping to bring about the can-

onization of the Auriesville Martyrs and their Companions, and a good part of it also in helping to procure for Tekakwitha the honors of our altars. Thank God, there is every reason to believe that will occur.

There will be no public celebration, but the Jesuit septuagenarian hopes to celebrate Mass that day in the University Church at Fordham where he has been resident some years, and that Mass will be offered for the many good friends of the clergy and laity who have kindly assisted him in the various good works Almighty God has enabled him to do for His glory.

#### HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT'S BEST

"Kateri continues to work wonders. I asked for a favor and she refused it apparently and then gave me something better—removed the desire for what I had desired, even though I did not ask for it, and removed all the bitterness. A great blessing! Then I think she sent me back to the Imitation where the most delightful unction was found. May she soon be St. Kateri!"

—Brockton, Mass.

#### ONE GRACE PRELUDES ANOTHER

"Enclosed please find a donation to be used in furthering the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. She has been wonderful in helping me obtain money which was due me, and seemed almost impossible to get. I am happy to send this substantial amount, having promised it and publication of this favor in the event that she answered my prayers, and she has. I feel most grateful to her and will continue to pray to her for many favors which I am eager to obtain."—Adams, Mass.

#### A WORTHY HOPE

"I believe she has a never-emptied bank up there, for I never ask for financial aid without obtaining it. My husband has been unemployed for thirty-one months due to a bone infection, so you can readily understand with the present high cost of living and the 'musts' of our age, how much it takes to keep

up a family of four, two girls in a Catholic school, one is a junior. Their needs are endless. The Indian Mohawk Lily also helps me in so many other ways. Some day I hope to be able to erect a small shrine in her honor outdoors under some trees or bushes as near as possible in the setting of her rustic life."

—Duluth, Minn.

#### HEAR YE OF LITTLE FAITH

"As you see by the stationery, Salina has been raised to a Bishopric, and Sacred Heart named the cathedral. While the church is in pretty good shape and looks fairly well, we are trying to raise funds for a new cathedral. Sacred Heart's share in the project is \$200,000.00 and thanks to the Venerable Kateri, whose help I have constantly implored, \$120,000.00 of our assessment is now in the bank. If she continues to help me and I live to see her proclaimed a Saint, I would like to be among the first to have a statue erected in her honor. So please recommend this work to the Venerable Kateri and beseech her earnestly to help me."

—Salina, Kan.

#### KATERI AMONG HER OWN

"I kindly inform you that among my Indians there is one girl who wants to follow the example of Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha. I spoke to her about this saintly maiden and told her that I would try to procure for her a copy of the life of Catherine. As I have no copy at all of it, I kindly ask you to send me two or three copies so that I may give them to some few girls who intend to follow the example of the Venerable Catherine. I would be very grateful to you if you will send me some relics or something of the Venerable, so that I may give them to these good girls or maidens, and encourage them to imitate the Venerable Catherine. I am now in charge of the Indians of Kalispel tribe near Cusick, but from time to time I go to my dear Colville Indians. I began to attend to them forty-four years ago."

—Spokane, Wash.

## ONE LABOR REMEDY

"I was visiting at Great Neck one Sunday about a month ago. It was a social visit, and just by chance the gentleman of the house asked me if I ever prayed to Catherine Tekakwitha. He had received her picture with the silk applied to her relic and prayers, etc. I told him I had never heard of her, and always gave my devotion to the Sacred Heart. He was very enthusiastic for the miracles she had performed, and gave me the picture and prayers. My husband had been on strike for 115 days at the time, so that night I decided to make a novena of prayer morning and night to her for the strike to end, and his return to work. Two days later the radio announced a meeting to arrange a settlement. My husband and I had to leave town for a week-end and when packing I decided I must take Catherine Tekakwitha with me to continue my prayer. Two days later the strike was settled after 119 days of unemployment. Somehow I can't help but believe it was through her intercession, and I am now making a novena of thanks applicable to the Souls in Purgatory. I promise to spread her devotion among my family and friends."

—Howard Beach, N. Y.

## QUICK WORK

"Started this parish Pentecost Sunday, 1941, with seven. Now have forty-four names on the books with thirty-two resident. They do move about. Up to the first of the year had but five adult converts. January 26 to February 3, inclusive, Father Howard, S.V.D., colored, gave a mission, then things changed.

"Baptized a girl aged twenty. Witnessed her marriage to Catholic boy.

"A lady, aged forty-six, who had been a Baptist over thirty years, here every morning for Communion. Her husband, aged fifty-six, had never been baptized and now he is a happy man.

"A man, aged sixty-three, never baptized, and now a happy person.

"A boy, aged seventeen, who waited two and one-half years for his father to say yes, and the father was present for the Baptism.

"A girl, aged seventeen, on May 9, the day I baptized—her mother was present for her Baptism.

"Last week baptized two girls, both aged nineteen, and this week a boy, aged nineteen—that is the best age as they are more sincere and of greater influence among the young people.

"So I ask that the Lily pray for means to buy two lots, the money to build a school, and converts."

—El Dorado, Ark.

## THAT SAME DAY

"On the anniversary of her death, Holy Wednesday, April 17, we organized a special Mass for our Mohawk Indians, her 'kins'; we prayed fervently for her speedy Beatification and asked with special entreaties for the cure of one Mrs. Annie Lahache, a worthy member of the church choir who is unable to walk since a serious accident that occurred almost three years ago. Complications had set in and her case was quite worse on April 16. The next day, to our great joy, we heard that she was doing very, very well. We even look forward to the day when she will be able to walk again without the help of crutches or cane. At the close of the Mass, on that same celebrated day, over three hundred Indian parishioners came to the sacristy and venerated the sacred remains of Kateri, their sister. On Easter Sunday, anniversary of her Baptism, we sang a special hymn composed as a prayer for her speedy Beatification. We have great hopes that she will help us to develop greater fervor and piety among her own."

—Caughnawaga, Canada.

## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

"I should have reported a cure of my brother in 1940."

—Bridgeport, Pa.



"You might acknowledge our thanks to Kateri for financial success in our parish."

—Austin, Minn.

"As soon as the Fathers and Scholastics from Alma College heard about our son they immediately sent up their relic of Little Tekakwitha and we started the novena to her. Within six days the tumor (which was supposed to be so deadly) was practically gone. Now it is all gone and the child is normal."

—South San Francisco, Cal.

"Enclosed please find donation which I promised for a Mass in honor of Katie and the Souls in Purgatory if she found a good tenant for our apartment. Thanks to Katie, she has done just that, and here is the first money I've had in some time to send as my husband is in a hospital and will be there for some time."

—Syracuse, N. Y.

"A short time ago I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha for an intention that required an immediate answer to my prayer. I had said the little prayer on the leaflet only one or two days and asked a few other Sisters to join me; and also promised to spread devotion to the Cause of canonization of little Kateri, if my prayer was answered. My prayer was answered perfectly."—North Arlington, N. J.

"I find people to whom I have given the relics always come back to tell me of help received. In one case a woman was given

the relic and asked to pray for Kateri's canonization as well as for help in restoring peace in her home and overcoming a serious problem. She reported an improvement in less than one week and then I gave her a relic for her husband to carry."—Brockton, Mass.

"I would like to report a very successful operation, an operation which I dreaded having performed, and which gave me no pain during or after the operation. A few years ago my nephew was hurt in an automobile accident and the surgeon said he was sure he would be crippled, even after many operations. I went to the hospital every day and touched his feet with a relic card of Tekakwitha. I am very happy to say that he is not crippled."

—Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	2	Employment .....	2
Financial Aid .....	3	Relief in Distress .....	6
Property Sale .....	6	Not Specified .....	10

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	10	Relief in Distress .....	8
Apartments .....	5	Financial Aid .....	4
Not Specified .....	6		

#### Obituary

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