

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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THE TEKAKWITHA CABIN

The architect, Mr. James L. Delany, of New York, has submitted plans for the Cabin to be erected at Tekakwitha's birthplace, now Auriesville on the Mohawk, New York. The Cabin is modelled on the style of dwelling used by her Mohawk people. Fortunately the missionaries of her time have left us not only descriptions but sketches also of these cabins, in which they themselves lodged, and we have these sketches in Father Bresciani's "BRIEF RELATION" printed at Macerata, Italy, in 1653, after his own experience as a prisoner in the Indian village Ossernenon, now Auriesville, three years before Tekakwitha was born there.

The Mohawk cabin was a framework of young trees arched like our garden arbor and covered with bark. Inside it was arranged like a railroad sleeping car, and often it was long enough to house several families like a one-story, or bungalow, apartment house. Tekakwitha was fortunate in growing up with her chieftain uncle's family, who could have a cabin all to themselves.

This Cabin will be 45 feet long, 20 feet wide and 15 feet high. On one side there will be an ante or reception room, 12x14x12, for use as an office or attendant's room, and on the other side there will be an alcove in which some day an altar may be placed. There will be provision for heating and lighting and other usual conveniences. As for

building material, that is at present a problem, but we shall use what is available to erect a fire-proof repository for the contents of the Cabin. The interior walls will be asbestos of such a quality as to serve for mural paintings of the chief scenes in Tekakwitha's life. As examples of some of the documents and other contents:

Fragment of a Letter of James de Lamberville, 1677

Fragment of a Letter of Father Chauchetière, 1682

A Brief Life of Katherine Tegaskouita, Christian Iroquois, about 1682

Extracts from the Narrative of the Mission of the Sault, Father Chauchetière, 1686

Extract from the Work, The Present State of the Church and the French Colony in New France, Jean de St. Vallier, Bishop of Quebec, 1688

The Life of Good Katharine Tegakouita, now known as the Holy Savage, Chauchetière, 1685, 1695

Letter of Pere Remy, 1696

The Life of Katharine Tekakwitha, First Iroquois Virgin, Cholenec, 1696

and many others, besides the handsome volumes issued by the Congregation of Rites telling the story of the Introduction of the Cause for the beatification and canonization

of Tekakwitha and the Decree pronouncing her Venerable. These are only some of the precious Kateri material which will be displayed in show and book-cases and in letter-files. It will make a study, or studio, of the process of canonization.

The Cabin will stand on a plot about 180 feet square, which will be properly landscaped.

And Deservedly

"Thanks to Tekakwitha, we now are free of debt. The enclosed offering of fifty dollars is to further her Cause."

—Pastor, Thorp, Wis.

Better Late Than Never

"I should have reported a cure of my brother in 1940 when I gave him the relic and said some prayers." —Bridgeport, Pa.

Thanks Offering

"I am enclosing a donation and should like to have a High Mass of Thanksgiving said in honor of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for the safe return of my brother from overseas." —Topeka, Kan.

For the Cabin

"Enclosed is \$2.00 towards the Mohawk Cabin in honor of Catherine Tekakwitha, in thanksgiving for a favor received through her intercession." —Toronto, O.

"My class of thirty-seven fifth graders prayed to the Lily of the Mohawks and sacrificed their spending pennies for her Cause, in order to obtain help in their tests. Enclosed find a check for their offerings for the Tekakwitha Cabin, as you requested."

—Cleveland, O.

"Enclosed is another small offering, which I am sending after having received help from prayers to the Lily of the Mohawks. My health has improved greatly and I promise to make this a monthly offering."

—Philadelphia.

Clubs and Cabin

"Our combined Tekakwitha Clubs which now are as follows: Tekakwitha Girls' Club, Tekakwitha Mothers' Club, Tekakwitha Cradle Roll, Tekakwitha Camp Fire Girls' Club—and our newest edition—Tekakwitha Grandmothers' Club, all agreed to make up a gift to help erect a Mohawk Cabin for Tekakwitha's documents." —Cincinnati, O.

From One Who Knows

"And, please, do inform Kateri that the Sisters of the Precious Blood need spiritual and temporal benefits, especially the writer, who for a number of years instructed the Catholic Indians in a U. S. Government school out West. She has learned to love the 'Brownies of the Desert.'" —Rome City, Ind.

A Consistent Promoter

"Enclosed please find my check for the sum of two dollars (\$2.00), for which enroll me as one of the many workers for the good of our dear Tekakwitha and for the number of favors she has granted to others. Her prayer on the leaflet I read every night before my evening prayers." —New York.

A Mother's Prayer

"Mother promised this to 'Lily of the Mohawks' if dad got a raise in wages, and frankly it almost seemed hopeless and besides dad isn't young any more, but little Katherine, I'm sure, interceded in mother's behalf and it came through in very short notice, for which we are most thankful."

—Morristown, N. J.

From Our New Republic

"Last June twelfth we celebrated the anniversary of Catherine proclaimed as Venerable. In the morning a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in her honor. The breakfast was served in our college after the Mass and everybody was happy and contented. We passed the day remembering all the favors granted to us by God through her intercession." —Barasoain, Bulacan, P. I.

As Real Estate Agent

"Enclosed find check which I promised if I sold the house for a reasonable amount. The deal was closed the other day. Ten years ago I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha to find some way to get money to save it. I did get a loan from the FHA, and I tried to sell it four years ago and just couldn't seem to, so I left it all to her to do whatever was best for us; and now we got \$2,500 more so I will be able to pay everything and still have lots left. Thanks to her."—Buffalo, N. Y.

Among Her Own

"Today I will write to a very good Indian girl of my former Colville Indians and will send her a copy of the life of Venerable Katherine Tekakwitha, a medal, picture, etc., and will encourage her to read her life and wear the medal and pray to her. Next week I will go to my Indian mission near Cusick, among the Kalisjul Indians, and as there are in that mission several girls who are between 15 and 25 years old, I will speak to them about Katherine and her virtues, specially her purity. I will give them a medal and tell them to wear it and pray to her. I hope that I will induce some of those girls to follow the example of Katherine."—Spokane, Wash.

Multiple Blessings

"I thought perhaps you might like to know of three cases when the application of the relic of Kateri Tekakwitha, which was loaned to me by a friend, effected a remarkable improvement. I feel sure that a cure was effected in each case.

"A woman who had been suffering for several months with severe attacks of vomiting and intense pain was relieved by the passage from her system of what seemed to be a large obstruction a few hours after the relic was applied. Several X-rays a few days later showed nothing seriously wrong and the woman is now well after steadily improving. Spasms of throat, cause unknown, stopped by

application of the relic. This woman had suffered for years. A child had been suffering from birth with a stomach disorder. After a blood transfusion and artificial feeding had failed and little hope held for the week-old baby the relic was pinned in the crib after application by a priest. The baby began to improve immediately, was soon able to retain food and is now completely recovered." —Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Relic Lent — No Cost

"Three years ago I had a kidney removed and at the time the other one was infected. The doctors didn't think I would recover after the operation; but for ten years or more I have known of the help of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession in my behalf and I have prayed constantly to her. Results—twenty X-rays in the past six weeks, no gall bladder trouble, kidney functioning beautifully; also, sent through prayers to the right person for a kidney support, and for the first time in three years I'm free of pain.

"Also, I prayed constantly for my two sons in service during the war. Both boys were in the Pacific theatre. I prayed to Venerable Kateri that my two sons could meet out there, each being in different branches of the service. I knew only a miracle could bring them together. On the beach of Saipan, as my one son was going in on the first wave of the invasion, my younger son came off the beach after landing a boat-load of Marines. My two sons had two minutes together before the start of that terrible invasion, and I'm very thankful to say both boys are home now a little scarred up, but thank God and Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession.

"Is there any cost for the loan of a relic of Kateri Tekakwitha? Perhaps I do not use the right terms in asking for this relic as we are a Protestant family, but the wonderful help I have obtained through Venerable Kateri's intercession will always make me a firm believer in her Cause." —Ilion, N. Y.

"A favor was granted me through her intercession."
—Columbus, O.

"I am enclosing check to fulfil promise made to Venerable Tekakwitha by my sister for recovery from illness."
—Binghamton, N. Y.

"I have a leaflet of Kateri Tekakwitha and have said the prayer for a favor which has been granted. If granted, I promised I would write to you."
—Providence, R. I.

"An offering I have promised, because after fourteen years I am entirely free from a chronic skin ailment. For five months I've been free from it and have kept praying to Tekakwitha to help me keep free from it again."
—Thibodaux, La.

"Due to her, we are never without some cash even though my husband hasn't had employment for two and one-half years. Besides, I wish by these means to thank her for many favors, such as successful exams, passing their grades by my two girls and employment for one."
—Duluth, Minn.

"I wish to render thanks to the Lily of the Mohawks for obtaining jobs for both our girls. She never fails us. Sometimes she takes her own good time in answering our requests, but she answers them one way or another and I feel it's always in the way that is best for us."
—Duluth, Minn.

"I am sending this in thanksgiving for not only locating a very fine position, but in

thanksgiving for receiving a substantial increase in salary after having the new position only a short time. I am sure that the intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha was responsible."
—Cincinnati.

"About a month ago I wrote and asked you to pray for me, so that I would get the favor I asked for. Now I'm writing and thanking you because the prayers were answered. I also promised I'd send the enclosed donation if the prayer was answered."
—N. Braddock, Pa.

"An item of interest about Catherine Tekakwitha. Some days ago our superior was fixing up her books, when she found a discrepancy which she could not locate. She asked us to pray very earnestly that she might find it. I appealed to 'Little Catherine,' promising publication. Shortly afterwards Sister found the error, to our great relief."
—Huntsville, Ala.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

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Safety	1	Not Specified	22

PETITIONS

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Apartments	4	Not Specified	10

Obituary

Mother Carmel Teresa, O.Carm., Eureka, Utah.
Mr. William F. Smith, Elmont, N. Y.
Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Mrs. H. Biedenstein, Overland, Mo.

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