

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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A TEKAKWITHA STATUE

War destroys and war delays. A sculptress began modeling a statue of Tekakwitha nearly five years ago. Then war claimed her activities and only when hostilities ceased could she resume her work on the statue. Now the model is ready and casting is soon to begin. For indoors it will be in plaster; and for outdoors in cement.

More than one dealer in religious articles has had a statue made of Tekakwitha, but their products were too gross in size, too high and too rotund, and not Indian-like enough to recommend. This one will be different, not over three feet, slender and modelled after the Indian girls at Caughnawaga, Tekakwitha's own people. More precise particulars about this statue will be published in next issue. How appropriate it will be to have this statue bidding pilgrims welcome to the Tekakwitha Cabin at her birthplace!

OUR ABORIGINAL LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Our League of Nations vanished in thin air, and now we have, in name at least, our United Nations. Over three hundred years ago the Iroquois Indians had bound together their five Nations in a League that lasted as long as they did, and their League worked in

harmony about war, peace and trade. Their unity made them masters of their much coveted land and commanded the respect of the French, Dutch and English. Still we believe we have something modern in our attempt at uniting civilized peoples.

BEWILDERING

This is the only word for the story told in our office recently about organizing in the name of Venerable Tekakwitha, a grandmothers' club, grandfathers', mothers', daughters', old ladies', cradle clubs, renting and decorating club-rooms, having plays,

musical comedies, cake bakes, concerts, dinners, lawn parties and what not. How different from the wild revels of her people that Tekakwitha used to shun! And imagine her now delighting in these tributes to her memory.

NORTH AMERICA'S CATHOLIC DAUGHTER

A gift of \$500.00 for the Tekakwitha Cabin at her birthplace from the Catholic Daughters of America will serve to depict some events of her life on the Cabin walls.

A Good Practice

"I am showing your letter to others whom I think may be interested in Tekakwitha's Cause, for I love her very much, and I am very grateful for what she has done for me."

-Binghamton.

God Bless All Mothers

"I think I will ask Dad for a thanksgiving offering. His return to normalcy as regards pulse and blood pressure is the wonder of the doctors. We are so happy about it, for his condition was very dangerous. Poor mother had a bad time."

—Sprague, Wash.

After All These Years

"Enclosed you will find check for fifty dollars; please use it to further the Cause of canonizing Tekakwitha. As you know, we promised this if we were granted a favor for which we had prayed nearly twelve years. We sent an equal amount in her honor to the seminary where our son is studying for the priesthood."

—Kansas City.

Safe and Happy

"One of those Masses, Father, is offered by a sister in thanksgiving for fourteen nephews who served in the war and who all returned safely. At the beginning of the war several of us placed our relatives who were serving in the war under Catherine's care. Only one boy out of quite a number perished, and he lived a beautiful life, so we feel he is safe with God."

—Fort Wayne.

Quite Well Informed

"Your name and address are on a card with a prayer for the beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha. I have used the prayer much and always received help. Kindly accept the enclosed as a little token of my appreciation to Catherine for her intercession. If this is improperly worded, please forgive me. I am a rather recent convert and not always informed on how to handle such things."

-- Arcagia, Cal.

Devotion Well Founded

"Our neighbor made a novena to get some help for home and take care of children. She said when it ended it seems that Catherine had sent someone, a very good girl, and also a husband brought to home again, who had been years away. Now she has great devotion to Catherine."—Church Point, La.

Multiple Graces

"Instead of one of my boys entering the novitiate there are two—one who finished Jesuit High this year and the other for whom I trust Tekakwitha has been praying—he who took the priest's part in the play, 'Lily of the Mohawks.' The girl who played Tekakwitha made her vows today, and another from our school in Dallas, St. Edward's, entered. Three secular, three Jesuits, three in our novitiate."
—Colorado Springs.

Doctors Not Infallible

"I know that it was through her intercession that my sister, who was wearing her relic (that you had so kindly sent me some time ago) was restored to her family after a very serious operation at Rochester, Minn., for cancer. The doctors had declared that she could hardly live one month, at most three months. Thank God, her life was prolonged two years, and she died a holy and saintly death after only one week confinement to her bed."

—Cherodu, Ia.

A Happy Pastor

"Thank you very, very much for the relic of Blessed Kateri. It arrived yesterday, and I said Mass immediately that God would grant her canonization. Also we have been suffering from a terrific drouth all summer, the last rain fell on June 27th; so our people lost their entire crop; they were hauling water, some for over ten miles. I asked for rain, and yesterday morning at 7 in began and continued all day, over two inches. It had clouded up several times during the past

two weeks but we never got any rain until —Pastor, Olpe, Kan.

Thoughtful

"One Mass to thank God for all He did for Kateri and to thank Kateri for what she has done for Mrs. R. H., the lady crippled with arthritis. She says she feels a little better and she thinks Kateri will help her by degrees. She is having this Mass said. I want you to say a Mass for your intention to ask God to take good care of you so you will see the Cause finished. And I want a Mass said to thank God for all He did for Kateri and to thank Kateri for all she has done, is doing and will do for me and others and to thank her for those who forget to thank her so she will be made a Saint now."

—St. Louis.

Already a Success

**Please say a prayer for the success of Mrs. Hackett's Grandmothers' Club. I think it is going to be something wonderful. makes a person feel so very happy when you see the old folks. How delighted they are about everything Mrs. Hackett and her daughter and also Monsignor Kraemer doall they can for the success of the Club. We will try and get some donations towards the Cabin. I have received some wonderful answers to my prayers from Tekakwitha. We also have a Tekakwitha Mothers' Club and also a Tekakwitha Girls'. It is something wonderful to see how happy the young girls are. I hope and pray some day to try and have a Tekakwitha roll, all small children."

-Cincinnati.

A Sister Writes

"Father Taelman's prayers and steady efforts are bearing fruit. One of our first vacation school girls at the West End of the Spokane Reservation was married at a nuptial Mass after she and the groom had been confirmed, in the presence of the Bishop. She had a veil and bridesmaids and all the

trimmings — even yours truly playing the wedding march: 'Long Live the Pope'—for want of any other music. Don't mention it, but it was the first nuptial Mass in the history of the church here. It is a peculiar notion of Indian young people that getting married is a thing for hiding in the sacristy, preferably at night. Most of the time they look for the justice of peace and let it go at that. This was an epochal event."

-Sprague, Wash.

In Spite of Opposition

"During my vacation this year, from August 1st to 17th inclusive, my superiors decided underhandedly to terminate my position; I was informed of this action by a friend; I immediately began a novema to Kateri Tekakwitha. When I returned from my vacation, I discovered that my termination papers were in the mail box for seweral days. I had until August 23rd to be reassigned elsewhere. I returned to my work on August 19th-for three consecutive days I called on the chief of personnel to see if he could place me in another position, but my pleas were in vain. Since unscrupulous men were in charge, they were determined to separate me from the service in order to antain their own ends. On August 22nd at 5 P.M., one day previous to losing my position, a letter came to my department head, stating that I was to be retained in my position and signed by the chief in charge, the very man that was most anxious to get rid of me, the -- Jersey City. instigator of it all."

Surgery and Prayer

"I asked you to pray for a boy that had to be operated on. The doctor was not able to on account of his heart, so the mother prayed and placed a relic of Catherine on the child and the child improved so much. Some time after he took X-ray picture. His heart was well enough and he was operated on and to-day he is doing fine."

—Thibodeaux, La.

"I have obtained many favors from her since 1940, when I began praying to her." —Superior, Wis.

"Enclosed is a small offering to the Sacred Heart and Kateri Tekakwitha for financial aid which came from a very unexpected source." —Butte, Mont.

"A donation I promised—my husband has been having trouble with his back from an accident for the past two years—sometimes it is bad enough for him to be in bed for a time—I placed the medal on him and today he seems to be somewhat improved."

-Nutley, N. J.

"A colored woman made novena so her son could get money owed to him which he was not able to get. The novena to Catherine was made and finished on Thursday; Saturday the money was sent."

-Church Point, La.

"A colored baby was very sick with bronchitis, developing maybe into pneumonia. A novena was started. The fourth day baby was better, all at once. I saw the baby myself. She had convulsions, and was very sick. Her grandmother made a novena. The fifth day baby was perfectly cured. Thanks to Catherine."

—Church Point, La.

"Financial aid especially, protection during a storm, new work favorable, ulcer healed, teeth extracted, safe journey, good garden, reconciliation with neighbor, employment, a small measure of happiness in a marriage, articles obtained, some peace of mind, successful undertaking, ability to pay debt and other favors too numerous to mention."

—Duluth, Minn.

"Mrs. O. H. was in need of money to finish paying help. I asked Catherine where would I get enough to add to what I had — not to draw any from bank or from our store. I had just a certain amount, as I had looked this very morning, and knew I needed more. No one but myself knew where my wallet was. About 11 o'clock I went to get the money I had in wallet and to my surprise I had more than enough to pay off. How the money came to be there? Ask Catherine."
—Church Point, La.

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Mrs. Robert Jacques, Vandling, Pa.
Miss Anna Oberdorf, Kansas City, Mo.
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