

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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THE CONTRAST—1646-1696

At Tekakwitha's birthplace, on Sunday, September 22, there was a grand gathering of 12,000 pilgrims in anticipation of the Feast of Saint Isaac Jogues, September 26, and in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of his death as Martyr for the Faith on that hallowed site.

What a contrast between his days as a captive after a period of brutal torture and the solemnity of this pilgrimage! Then Jogues had no means of celebrating Mass, and he could not celebrate even if he had the means, since his hands were so mangled and deprived of thumb and index finger with which to hold the sacred host. He had no crucifix and had to do with a small wooden cross or with the image of a cross cut in the bark of a tree. He and René Goupil had to tell their rosary on what fingers were left to them. There was no church chant and we can imagine Jogues intoning the Scriptures he knew so well, when off in the woods or alone in his squalid cabin.

On that anniversary pilgrimage of his martyrdom, group after group of pilgrims mounted the hill up which he ran the gauntlet devoutly reciting the Rosary. Piously at one time fully six thousand worshippers assisted at the solemn Mass, the Most Reverend

Bishop of Albany presiding, and the choir intoning the *Gloria* and *Credo* in their Iroquois language: in Iroquois for they had come all the way from their Indian reservations at Caughnawaga, Canada, and St. Regis, which is partly in Canada and partly in New York State. Here at last were Tekakwitha's own people come to do homage to the Martyrs, Saint Isaac Jogues and his Companions, whose blood germinated in the chief fruit of their labors and sacrifices. The very thought of it seems to make the heavens open and reveal the joy of the Martyrs and their many holy neophytes, principal among them our Venerable Tekakwitha.

What a contrast and what a triumph as the thousands thronged up the Hill of Prayer making the Stations of the Cross or marched before the Blessed Sacrament down the ravine where the remains of Saint René Goupil were interred by Father Jogues!

To the Eternal God a thousand years are but as yesterday. To Jogues and his fellow Martyrs, Goupil and Lalande; to their fellow Indian men and women Martyrs that Sunday was a supreme tribute; and for all the heavenly favored pilgrims that day in Thy Courts, O Lord, exceeded thousands. A Mohawk Indian Jesuit priest celebrated Mass.

THE CAUGHNAWAGAS MEET

Despite the many, and in some instance, prolonged devotional exercises at the birth-place of Tekakwitha, the Director of the Shrine of the Martyrs, Father Thomas Coffey, S.J., found time and means of transporting the pilgrims from Caughnawaga and St. Regis, with many special visitors from Montreal to the Mohawk Valley Caughnawaga, on the hill above the town of Fonda about four miles west of Auriesville, where Tekakwitha was baptized and where the Franciscan Conventuals are now located at their Tekakwitha Friary. Father Grassmann, who is in charge

there, had prepared an open air altar with steps for the choir and he had collected a multitude of worshippers. Those who were present tell of the charm of the music again with hymns in Iroquois and the solemnity of the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. From Caughnawaga on the St. Lawrence to Caughnawaga on the Mohawk, from one of the original Indian missions of well-nigh three centuries ago to another of the same period; and the people of the Lily of the Mohawks active and joyous participants in this meeting of the Caughnawagas.

THE TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE

As requests grow in number for the leaflet explaining conditions for membership in the Tekakwitha League, a copy of the leaflet is inserted in this issue, and its contents are also printed here. The League has existed since Tekakwitha's death. Then her close friends and admirers formed a Band, as they styled themselves, to honor her and show their ven-

eration by invoking and imitating her. In Canada this Band is now called Guild, and in this country League. Unique among its advantages is the remembrance in the priestly Office, the unceasing prayer of the Church which for an hour daily is recited by priests, many members of religious orders and by men and women of the laity.

Tekakwitha League

Founded when Kateri died, 1680

To cherish her memory

To venerate and imitate her virtues

To invoke her for all manner of blessings

To have her declared Blessed and Saint

*Members are daily recommended by
the V. Postulator for her Canonization*

*Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., and priest
members in Holy Mass and in
the Divine Office*

*The Universal Prayer of the Church
recited by priests daily*

*An attractive certificate is sent to all members
The departed may be enrolled*

TEKAKWITHA AND NOVEMBER

It was in November, 1677, during Indian Summer days, that Tekakwitha arrived at her haven of safety at Laprairie, Canada. Her long journey from her village on the Mohawk to the site on the St. Lawrence, over 200 miles, on foot and by canoe had been toilsome, but it was relieved by the waters that ran pure and the airs that refreshed her as she got farther and farther away from the polluted atmosphere and the morally infected site of her depraved people. What a vision it was to fellow Indians leading a Christian life, a scene she had longed for, particularly since her baptism!

November opens with the Feast of All Saints. Almost every day we honor at our altars one or more special Servants of God who have been declared Saints, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins. On this day we honor the countless numbers of souls who have lived and died in holiness through every year of Our Lord. Not only in the distant past but in recent years also, even now the Church is having its Martyrs, Confessors and Virgins, suffering persecution for justice sake, devoting their lives unreservedly to the welfare of their neighbor, and sweetening the air by the example of their purity.

Tekakwitha has not yet been declared a Saint, but she has been entitled Venerable, and that means her virtues are beyond the shadow of a doubt, that they were indeed heroic, that is, steadfast and plain to all in spite of persecution from without and physical ailment within. The one thing now needed is proof of the special favor of Almighty God by miracles obtained through her intercession, and even these are not wanting. Already two such extraordinary favors have been reported to the Congregation of Rites after due examination by the bishops and their tribunals in the dioceses within which they occurred. Pray that they may be accepted as really miracles.

All-hallows means all holy and the eve of All Saints' Day is well known as Hallowe'en. The day itself is known as Hallowmas and is followed by All Souls' Day, the souls that have departed from this life and that may still be awaiting the purification by which they become worthy of the Vision of God. They are regarded as Holy Souls, so well favored by God that their prayers are acceptable to Him, and we may invoke their aid as well as pray for them.

Every number of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS contains an obituary list of clergy and laity recently departed who have been devoted to Venerable Tekakwitha and who have helped to promote her Cause. We should pray for them as we believe they continue to intercede for the canonization of Tekakwitha and for us also who are endeavoring to bring this about.

There is still one more day in November that suggests thoughts about Venerable Tekakwitha and that is the Feast of Saint Stanislaus on November 13. Born in Poland, he lived about a century before Tekakwitha, and he died in Rome. Like her, he was distinguished for his innocence, and young as he was he, too, suffered for his faith. When objection was made to declaring Tekakwitha's virtues heroic on account of the brevity of her life, the brief lives of such saints as Stanislaus, Aloysius and others were cited to prove the possibility of holiness at any age.

REPORTING CURES AND OTHER FAVORS

Recently in one week two remarkable favors were reported to the V. Postulator, one after eight years, the other after thirteen. It is gratifying to receive these reports, but how can we investigate them after such long intervals, and report them to the Congregation of Rites so as to hasten the canonization of Tekakwitha?

"One dollar from my mother, Mary M. Mackin, 97 years old." —Charleston, S. C.

"Every night I will do my best to say a rosary to Our Blessed Lady for Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause." —Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

"I promised to write if dear Catherine would help obtain what we had been praying for a long time, the sale of two pieces of land. It seemed almost hopeless about the sale because of the location, etc., of the land, but dear Catherine helped and the transaction for the sale was made a short time ago."

—South Bend, Ind.

"I firmly believe it was through Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha's intercession that my son's life was spared during the war. Though severely wounded, he is able to get around now after spending ten months in hospitals. I prayed to her to protect my two sons under battle. We really need her help again. We are trying to build a home, and everything seems to turn wrong." —Springfield, Mass.

"Anne M. Neville, Long Island Hospital, Boston Harbor, gave me \$2.00 to be used for Kateri's Cause or for her chapel as you desire, and the other one is stringless from me. Truly I cannot tell you all the favors wrought by Kateri. Mrs. B. now continues to be well enough to go to church for Confession and Mass, Sundays and First Fridays and some week-day mornings. Now I am asking Kateri for a temporal personal favor, and, if you please, the day I completed a novena my son

had a temporal favor—a tax refund which he needed very badly at present to pay the hospital expenses when the first baby comes. She has her own way of answering. Praise to God's Will." —Brockton, Mass.

"Enclosing a small offering in thanksgiving to Venerable Kateri for improvement in health." —Baltimore, Md.

"I was surprised last week with an unsolicited increase in salary, which I attribute to Tekakwitha." —Cornwall, Pa.

"Enclosed find donation for the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha; this is in thanksgiving for temporal favors received through her intercession." —Columbus, O.

"I feel that I was guided to the right place for diagnosis and I can only attribute to prayer the fact there was no growth in my stomach when I had suffered so long with distress after eating." —Westfield, Mass.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	2	Financial Aid	3
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PETITIONS

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Obituary

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Mackel, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Rev. A. J. Higgins, Allston, Mass.
 Rev. Mother M. Francis Clare, Notre Dame, Ind.
 Miss Katherine Daly, Andover, Mass.
 Mrs. James J. Buckley, Washington, D. C.
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