



THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever

THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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GREETINGS — 1947

Wishing Happy New Year to our readers and to all who are devoted to the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha, we ask their prayers that the year of Our Lord 1947 may be one

of advancement for her Cause, and for continued answers to prayer for heavenly favors through her intercession. Word from Rome is the Cause is progressing favorably.

THE TEKAKWITHA CABIN

If Kateri's people had been as fastidious in making their cabins, inside and out, as they were in adorning their clothing with bead and shell and color, a Mohawk village or palisade would have been as attractive as some of our resorts, summer or winter; but cabins were always put together in a hurry and were never to last long in the wear and tear of war and weather; ornamental apparel, even for men, was something for keeps; vanity for the Mohawk meant more than comfort.

Still, compared with the tepees of other Indians, the Mohawk cabin had points of shapeliness, utility and comfort also to some

extent, so much so that the Cabin we are to erect as a memorial of Venerable Tekakwitha at her birthplace can be made very attractive, useful and comfortable even in Mohawk Valley winter days. So the architect believes about the exterior form, the interior furnishing and decoration, a present-day system of heating instead of the floor fires of three centuries ago.

The response to our appeal for funds has been generous; materials and labor promise to be available in the near future, so that erection of the Cabin will begin in spring, about Tekakwitha's day, April 17.

KATERI'S WINTER MORNINGS

When the mercury in our thermometers marks as low as 15 degrees it is much colder at Laprairie, Canada, than it is in most parts of the United States. From all accounts, winters were longer and colder in Venerable Tekakwitha's time than now; still she must be at the chapel door every morning before it opened; she must remain for every Mass that was celebrated, three as a rule; and she

must kneel up at the altar-rail so as to be near Our Lord in His Blessed Sacrament, although the priests urged her to stay near the stove, and we may imagine what the stove was like in those days. Her clothing was none too warming; but her faith was ardent and her love of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass needed no external warmth to keep her heart aglow with devotion.

How the New Year Opens

The Holy Name was on Venerable Tekakwitha's lips at her last hour "Jesus, I love Thee." The Bishops who originated the Holy Name Feast, January 5, 400 years ago, were heaven inspired, thus to have the New Year open with the Feast in honor of this name. It marks the days and months to come as making up the Year of the Lord, to do all we do in His Name.

The Epiphany, January 6, also has its reminder of the great event in her life, her baptism, because the Feast commemorates Our Lord as the revelation to the gentiles, and her beclouded people certainly were gentiles, living in darkness.

Above all, the Feast of the Holy Family, January 12, should recall how, in spite of the rude conditions of Venerable Tekakwitha's Mohawk tribe, she was favored in her home life, living as she did with relatives in a chieftain's uncrowded cabin and free to avoid therefore the contaminating influences of vicious savages, old and young, until such time as she could take refuge again with relatives in Canada, where in and out of doors there was little, if anything, to offend her modesty or suggest evil of any kind. Again we may consider that it was a holy inspiration to have this Feast so near the beginning of the New Year, to exalt the blessings of home life and keep us ever mindful of them.

After Her Own Heart

Tucked away in an article by Margaret Morris in the *Cosmopolitan* of October 6 last, is mention of a shrine in honor of Venerable Tekakwitha close to a church hidden in the woods of the Chippewa reservation on Big Lake near Cloquet, Minnesota. Alongside the illustration of the church is one of the shrine, log cabinlike, with an image of the Venerable, before which summer visitors place flowers. Church, shrine and rectory are all rude structures, and so is the bell-tower, but they have withstood the storms of nearly

sixty years. The church is named after "Mary and Joseph"; the permanent congregation is about 100; the pastor since 1911 is the 'long black gown,' Father Lemire. All this is not far from Duluth. In fact the Chippewas moved to Big Lake from Duluth, and Duluth is named after the famous Canadian Captain whose recovery from a mortal illness soon after Tekakwitha's death was ascribed to her intercession.

Reverend Michael J. Kenny, S.J.

A priest who was keenly interested in the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha died in November, Reverend Michael J. Kenny of the Society of Jesus, Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama. He was a man of unusual gifts and of many important interests. His chief work, *Romance of the Floridas*, was written to memorialize the Jesuit Martyrs of Virginia, whose canonization, along with that of the early Franciscan and Dominican Martyrs in the territory of the United States, has been recommended to the Holy See.

From a Convent

"An offering promised Tekakwitha if she found the trouble in our old press. The paper flew all over, the ends were torn and we could not tell why. Last night I laid her picture on the press where the trouble seemed to be, and said some extra prayers in her honor when I went to the chapel. This morning, when my deaf helper arrived, I told him what I had done. He started the press and while watching its behavior said: 'I see now what it is.' I went over and looked where he pointed, between the cylinder and the bed, and there was a broken clasp, not easily noticeable, and that was snatching its ragged edges at the sheets as they went by and tearing them. I still was skeptical, but he managed to get it off and the press ran perfectly all morning. I do feel your little Indian helped us and I send this for her beatification."

—Buffalo, N. Y.

Protestants Revere Tekakwitha

"I have previously informed you of this Mrs. T., a convert, very near death, who has recovered. A son, who had heretofore in the locality been an indifferent Catholic, openly stated his mother was restored to health by prayer. This same young man now attends Mass every Sunday with his mother. She is a widow, and since her conversion is an exemplary Catholic. With other prayers offered for her, I besought Venerable Katherine. Many Protestants asked me to beseech God to return their sons safely when in service, and, thank God, all have returned. Likewise Catholics were included in this. Venerable Katherine again, I think, has been an intermediary.

"In this location we have a local pastor, with a congregation of about fifty souls. He has two other missions, one eleven miles distant; the second, forty-two. Such is frequently the case of priests outside the large cities here in Texas, namely, extra missions far away."

—Decatur, Tex.

No Secret About This

"I feel that Kateri has helped me many times. I placed her relic in the church safe at Sanborn, Minnesota. Before many weeks passed, ground was dug for the basement of a new church, which, by the way, is nearing completion."

—Adrian, Minn.

A Pima Indian Maiden Becomes Nun

"I have never seen happier people than they were upon this occasion. They were naturally delighted to see their daughter, Melinda, after months of separation, but they were equally well pleased to find her so contented in the convent. If they had ever entertained any misgivings about her being lonely or unhappy in the slightest way, such doubts were immediately dispelled. She was obviously right at home. I shall not attempt to describe her happiness on the day that she received the religious habit. She chose as her name in religion KATERI, after the saintly Indian maiden, KATERI TEKAKWITHA. May she be a faithful imitator of her patroness's virtues."

To Report an Apparently Miraculous Cure Use This Form

That the truth was and still is:

1. That (name) (age)
was afflicted with
from (date) to
2. That physicians (name or names)
.....
had tried various treatments, but decided patient was incurable and would not live
(time)
3. That Tekakwitha was invoked (how)
to obtain a cure so that it might hasten her canonization.
4. That on (date) a marvelous change took place.
5. That the physicians advised rest, fresh air, etc., for a month so as to regain strength.
6. That patient gained weight and (date) is still gaining.
7. That patient is still well (date)

(Signed)

(Date)

"I am sending this offering; I received some wonderful favors." —Madison, Minn.

"Two favors have been granted to one of the members—a cure of pneumonia and a chicken restored who was dying!"

—Stohe-on-Trent—Staffs, England.

"Please accept this. I had the relic of Venerable Kateri put on my eye last June and I have more relief since." —Norristown, Pa.

"My daughter's two rings were missing from Saturday until Tuesday. I had given up all hope of her getting them back."

—Cincinnati, O.

"A year ago I fell and fractured my arm thereby causing considerable injury to the nerves and muscle which made me quite helpless for some time. I promised if all would turn out well to send an offering for Kateri's Cause. Please find enclosed."—Buffalo, N. Y.

"I am enclosing herewith a contribution to be used in furthering the Cause of Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha. This is being sent in thanksgiving for her intercession in improving a health condition of a member of my family, for which I am very grateful to her."

—Winchester, Ky.

"I am certain that it was through Katherine's help that my health was restored sometime ago. I prayed, asking her for my

recovery, and one of my acts of appreciation would be to have her favor published. My health is good, and I am well again. Thanks to dear Katherine!" —Bruno, Sask., Canada.

Thanks to Venerable Tekakwitha, the year closing, as this is written, has been one of advancement for her Cause and of blessing for her many clients. The V. Postulator is happy to acknowledge many evidences of her intercession, one in particular, the generous response of her devotees to the appeal for funds to erect a Tekakwitha Cabin at her birthplace, a Mohawk Cabin, as a shrine memorial of the Lily of the Mohawks.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	4	Financial Aid	1
Property Sales	2	Spiritual	1
Not Specified	19		

PETITIONS

Cures	6	Relief in Distress	3
Apartments	4	Not Specified	10

Obituary

- Rt. Rev. Procopius Neuzil, O.S.B., Lisle, Ill.
 Rev. Michael J. Kenny, S.J., Spring Hill, Ala.
 Rev. John T. Jordan, New York, N. Y.
 Rev. F. X. Lasance, Cincinnati, O.
 Miss Pearl McAuley, Glendale, Long Island, N. Y.
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