

VENERABLE



KATERI TEKAKWITHA

THE LILY OF

THE MOHAWKS

Fairest flower that ever

bloomed among true men

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WORD FROM ROME

The V. Postulator for the Cause of Mother Seton, Rev. Salvator Burgio, C.M., has returned from a long stay in Rome working for the Cause with the very meaningful wish: "How I wish our people could have some esti-

mate of all that has to be done to promote the canonization of a Servant of God." Screening is a weak term for it. Scrutiny is nearer, and, of course, great patience, but, above all, prayer.

ROMA—MORA

Those who play on words like to shift the letters in the latin word for Rome, and make *Roma* read *Mora*, and *mora* means delay. It would be unfair to believe that the Roman authorities are to blame for the long time it takes to canonize a Servant of God. When there is question of determining whether the

Servant is worthy of being commended to the faithful as worthy of their homage, very great certainty is required at every step in examining, life, virtues, writings if any, repute for holiness, favor with God in obtaining heavenly favors, even miracles, and that takes time, study, and patience.

A TEKAKWITHA COMMUNITY DIRECTOR DIES

Readers will recall the Reverend Joseph Hoogers, who was mentioned frequently in these pages. He was a missionary in Tientsin, China, and his principal occupation was as director of a Chinese Sisterhood, 83 in number, at Mei-kuei-ying-tzu. He was their support as well as their director. In fact he

had organized them and kept them under the patronage of Venerable Tekakwitha. To help him we used to send him Mass Intentions, but when the Japanese invaded his territory, we could not send him money. Word has recently been received of his death in July, 1945, in his eighty-sixth year. R.I.P.

IN HER OWN TONGUE

Among other things the war has delayed is an attempt we made a few years ago to supply our Indian people in the United States with Tekakwitha pictures and leaflets in their own tongues. Now at last we shall soon

have some of these for the Sioux Indians. One of their number, Thunder Hawk, still in the service, has made the translation, and he wants to defray the expense of printing. He is not the only one.

An Ardent Promoter

In six months a devotee of Tekakwitha has distributed 4,293 of her medals, and 567 copies of her brief Life. No wonder he has difficulty in reporting all the heavenly favors received by the many to whom he has given these objects. He is an active business man.

From a "Good Neighbor" Country

"We are very interested in the beatification of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha for the Araucanian Indians—this flower is their symbol. Please send me any details in English of the Life and beatification of the Venerable Kateri." —Victoria, Chile.

The Cabin a Favorite

"Enclosed you will find a money order for twenty dollars towards the building of the Cabin in honor of Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks. She has helped me in the favor I have asked of her. I am very grateful for her assistance. She has helped me so many times." —Philadelphia.

Humor in Heaven

"Some time ago we were badly in need of rain and I asked our Venerable Kateri to send some. She sent some very soon. I reminded her that what there was was fine indeed, but not nearly enough. Then she sent a good one. Bless her."

—Pastor, Harbor Beach, Mich.

She Favors Innocents

"In October our young son, Jack, five years old, was admitted to New York Hospital suffering from severe asthma and an infection which was the cause of his being in a serious run-down condition. When he was at his worst, one of the Sisters of St. Joseph sent me a relic of Kateri Tekakwitha which I placed on him; this was on Saturday. By the following Wednesday he was very much better and from then on improved steadily. The doctors themselves were not sure of just

what treatment caused this improvement but I am confident it was our prayers to Kateri Tekakwitha and the applying of the relic." —Little Falls, N. Y.

A Double Favor

"I had a very sore mouth and it wouldn't heal. I was afraid of getting a cancer; and I have arthritis so bad and it developed such pain in my right leg and swelled up till I couldn't hardly walk, so I promised Venerable Tekakwitha I would send this if all would get better. Thanks to her, my mouth is healed up and the pain is gone."

—Fort Wayne, Ind.

Wish and Promise Fulfilled

"A few weeks ago I prayed to Kateri and asked her to help me regain my health. Today I am feeling like I should and am enjoying good health. I promised her if she fulfilled my wish for good health I'd send you a dollar a month for six months—enclosed you will find two dollars for the months of November and December." —Natick, Mass.

A Relic Was Loaned to Her

"I am sending you a small offering to help further the Cause of the Lily of the Mohawks, and to ask prayers please be offered for my improvement in health and for the well-being of my dear little family. I would like to send more and will, as time goes along. I have T.B. and have been in this sanatorium for almost three years. I will be glad when 'Good Catherine' becomes a saint. I am also an Indian. I read in the monthly messenger where a relic was touched to the limb and it showed marked improvement. I am very anxious to know, as you see, Father, when I came here almost three years ago, I was not expected to live very long as the doctors told my husband, and I know it is all through prayer that I am still alive. I have T.B. in both lungs and in my throat."

—Ah-Owah-Ching, Minn.

Not in China; in the U. S.

"Little Myrtle, for whom you so kindly offered a Mass, is holding her own. She was happy to learn that she was remembered in a Mass. Yesterday when I was leaving I asked her to say 'Good morning' to me in Chippewa. She told me sharply she was 'no Chippewa.' News to me. She is a 'Menominee,' and very proud of her tribe. How she got into Chippewa territory I do not know. She is very devout. However, I can see now why she is somewhat aloof and, I believe, misunderstood by some of the others here. Her father plans to visit her here the 20th. I hope and constantly pray, if God thinks best, that she will have improved much by that time and that, come spring, she will be well and able to return to her people, whom she loves sincerely."

—Ah-Owah-Ching, Minn.

Page Montclair — Kateri's First Hall

"I wish to inform you that I was destined here in Florida Blanca, Pampanga, P. I. My work is to teach Religion to the Catholic and public school pupils. I am very glad to inform you that Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha is becoming popular in this place. Last week, November 3, 1946, we organized a 'Society of the Lily of the Mohawks.' On that day we received a great grace from her. The American officers of the Army donated us a finished school building of two rooms. I related this grace to our parish priest and his companions and they were fully convinced that this was granted through the intercession of Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha. We are preparing for the inauguration on the first day of December. There will be a High Mass in the morning and a program in the afternoon for her honor. We will name the building 'Catherine Tekakwitha's Hall.' "

"My tooth was extracted by the dentist and some parts remained in the gum. The next day it was seriously swollen and I suf-

fered a great deal. The dentist advised me to be operated. I invoked Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha and it was cured without operation. I promised to be devoted to her and to pray for her canonization."

—Manila, P. I.

"My grandmother became very ill and everybody said there was no more hope for recovery. I invoked Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha and she was marvellously cured. Now she is strong and happy. Thanks to Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha."

—Pampanga, P. I.

"While we were on our way to a certain place, it rained heavily. We were very much worried for we didn't bring our umbrella. When we reached the place, it rained more heavily, so I remembered Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha. While I was invoking her the rain ceased and the muddy place became dry. How surprised we were of the wonder!"

—Manila, P. I.

Favor Upon Favor

"There has been nothing that I asked for that I haven't received. Last September my wife had a baby boy. We prayed to Kateri for a healthy child and Michael is the picture of health. I needed money for hospital bills, and I didn't know where to turn. I prayed to Kateri, and from an unexpected source received the money. My brother's wife had a baby, but died. I prayed to Kateri to save the child for its father who was sinking into despair. The child lost weight until at three pounds everyone gave up hope but myself. I knew Kateri wouldn't fail me. The child responded slowly and today weighs eight pounds and is doing fine. I have been a soldier five years and my legs and feet are in bad shape. I prayed to Kateri to secure a ten per cent. pension. Christmas eve I was awarded twenty per cent. disability."

—Lowell, Mass.

"Enclosed please find check to have a pagan baptized Kateri in her honor."

—Purcell, Okla.

"I promised this if my boy would be admitted to a Catholic school in February. He has been, thank God."

—New York.

"Enclosed is donation for a Mass in thanksgiving for a favor received. My daughter has given up the young man we disapproved of."

—Dayton, O.

"I spoke with your Postulator General in Rome and it seems that the Tekakwitha Cause is marching on to its ultimate goal favorably."

Emmitsburg, Md.

"She granted me a favor and I promised to send this offering."

—Winsted, Conn.

"Enclosed please find offering which I promised if my favor was granted."

—New Orleans.

"The enclosed is for special favors granted. Thanks to the intercession of little Catherine."

—Thibodaux, La.

"A small offering enclosed in thanksgiving for a favor received after praying to Katherine."

—Baltimore, Md.

"I have continued to pray to 'Lily of the Mohawks,' and all of my requests have been granted."

—Philadelphia.

"Thank God with me and for me that I am at last coming out of a long siege, in which I was nervous and unlike myself."

—New York.

"Enclosed offering is in thanksgiving for special favor obtained through intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha."

—Milton, Mass.

"How wonderful she is to her patrons. A month ago I prayed and said the novena for help regarding my grandson. Today the prayers were answered favorably."

—Floral Park, N. Y.

"My son gave me this to send, as he said, to the Lily of the Mohawks for some favor he had received through her intercession. We are both very grateful for Kateri's help."

—Tulsa, Okla.

"Enclosed you will find an offering which I promised Katherine if my wish was granted. My wish came true and I thank Katherine for it. I would like to have a Mass said for the Souls in Purgatory."

—Fort Madison, Ia.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

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| Cures | 3 | Safe Delivery | 1 |
| Financial Aid | 2 | Relief in Distress | 2 |
| Not Specified | 29 | | |

PETITIONS

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| Cures | 4 | Financial Aid | 4 |
| Apartment | 3 | Not Specified | 15 |

Obituary

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Cherry, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. F. X. Lasance, Cincinnati, O.
Rev. A. Hitta, O.S.B., Anadarko, Okla.

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