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THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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VENERABLE TEKAKWITHA IN THE WORLD'S CENTRE

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE

New York 22, N. Y.

Rev. John J. Wynne, S.J.

Dear Father Wynne:

You will be pleased to know that on the bronze doors which we hope to have finished in a two-year period for St. Patrick's Cathedral the figure of Kateri Tekakwitha will be placed together with that of Mother Seton, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Joseph and St. Patrick.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

F. CARD. SPELLMAN,
Archbishop of New York.

HER MOST FREQUENT INTERVENTION

BISHOP'S HOUSE

1014 NORTH MESA AVENUE

EL PASO, TEXAS

Rev. John J. Wynne, S.J.

Dear Father Wynne:

Herewith enclosed is a little offering for the canonization of Tekakwitha because she has helped us in such a wonderful manner to liquidate the huge Diocesan Debt. In five years, more than one-half of this debt has been paid, although in the beginning the task appeared to be well nigh hopeless. The success we have so far attained is due without a doubt to Tekakwitha's intercession and I have from time to time publicly apprised my people of this fact and urged them to pray for her canonization.

The enclosure is a copy of a letter to all the pastors which speaks for itself and I thought it might interest you.

With every good wish and kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ S. M. METZGER,
Bishop of El Paso.

AND NOW FOR THE KATERI CABIN

There is no proper memorial of this Venerable Servant of God at her birthplace, the site of her Mohawk Indian village, Ossernenon, near Auriesville, New York. There has been for some years a lodge named after her, but nothing characteristic of her times, life, and tribespeople. Of all the Indians three hundred years ago the Mohawks and their fellow Iroquois Nations, as they styled themselves, were the only ones who lived in something like houses, 'Cabins,' as they were styled. So distinctive was their housing that they were known as Cabin Indians. Other Redmen dwelt in tepees or cone-shaped tents.

In September, 1942, THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS proposed that a Cabin should be erected at Tekakwitha's birthplace, but shortly after that war conditions intervened and it was not possible to get the needed money, labor or materials. Now it is; an appeal for the funds is actually in circulation. Thanks to Tekakwitha devotees, the appeal is receiving a favorable response. Soon there will be a proper memorial of Tekakwitha at her birthplace.

Fortunately the missionaries of Tekakwitha's day described the cabins in which they themselves had to eat and sleep, and they told how there was warmth in winter, but no ventilation, no windows, but only holes in the roof to let the smoke out, and rain or snow in. The walls were of bark, which is not easy to get now. For doors they used animal skin; for sleeping they had rude berths

on the Pullman car plan, with wood fires on the ground along the passageway. Their primitive appointments need not be reproduced now, but their cabin structure can be, and, as it was grape arbor like, it can be made very attractive.

The real attraction of the *Tekakwitha Cabin* will be its interior. Therein will be in neat show and book-cases the documents which won the comment of the Congregation of Rites, when they received the first Process for her beatification: "Few causes ever better documented," and the decision of our Holy Father that these documents have equal value for testimony in favor of her Cause as that of eye-witnesses, so that only two miracles are needed for her beatification instead of the four usually required. Thank God, the Congregation has already the Apostolic Process on two miracles, attributed to her intercession.

To preserve these documents the Cabin must be fireproof; and beside the documents there will be other memorials of Tekakwitha.

God willing, on July 31 I was seventy years a Jesuit. As the only observance of that rare occasion I would like all who read this to assist me by an offering to erect this Cabin as a memorial to Tekakwitha this Tercentenary of the Martyrs to whom, after God, we owe her holiness.—John J. Wynne, S.J.

April 17, her anniversary, 1947.

A Proper Thanks Offering

"My husband has a little business; some time back he found himself in trouble so I promised if he could be spared I would have Masses said. Thank God it was granted. Enclosed please find offering for two Masses said in honor of Venerable Catherine."

—Thibodaux, La.

Spite of Kateri's Aversion

"Please find enclosed a postal money note in thanksgiving for a favor received. Sure, I've asked many saints to intercede for me, but I also asked 'Lily of the Mohawks' and I know she must have spoken for me. My favor was to pass my state exams as a beautician and thanks be to God, today I received my license."

—Morristown, N. J.

In Small as in Large Affairs

"I am writing to thank 'Little Kateri' for favor granted as promised. Have a little dress shop and business has been very poor. Asked little Katherine to intercede for me and get me some business as I was terribly discouraged. Got a few sales for which I was very grateful and know it was through 'Little Kateri.' This is one of many favors that have been granted."

—Quincy, Mass.

Always

"Will you kindly use this check in the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha as an offering of thanksgiving. A retirement bill for \$100 per month has just been put into law for those of my profession to be paid at age sixty after a certain number of years of service. Besides, the headlines in the paper say that an increase of \$600 will be given us next year. This means much to me because my health is not too good and it has been necessary for me to borrow several hundred dollars on my insurance. Always I have found her prompt to aid with financial help."

—Seattle, Wash.

Kateri's Remains Rest in Xavier's Church

"For years I have been afraid to visit a doctor. For a real long time I have been praying to Kateri to get the strength to go, but with no success. I recently made part of the novena of grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier and at the same time continued to pray to Kateri for this favor. The novena ended yesterday and last night I went to see a doctor. He found me in pretty good shape; far better than I had anticipated, so I am a very much relieved person. I don't know whom to thank for this favor (which to me is much greater than anyone can imagine)—Kateri or St. Francis Xavier, so to be on the safe side I am giving both of them credit."

—St. Louis.

For Doubting Thomases

"I gave a leaflet to a friend, but she showed no interest. A few weeks ago she called me saying a small relative had a ruptured appendix and peritonitis had set in and that the little girl wasn't expected to live. The friend asked for prayers, so my sister and I started a novena and added five 'Our Fathers' and 'Hail, Marys' to the Lily of the Mohawks. As I have told you before she always answers on Our Blessed Mother's Day, Saturday, and it was Saturday I hoped for a favorable reply. The child was out of danger by night."

—Kansas City.

"I had a severe rash on my face. I was afraid I was going to have to give up my position. I prayed to Tekakwitha to help me and take it away in a certain time, which she did. I am very thankful."

—Bala, Cynwyd, Pa.

"Enclosed please find thanks offering for a special favor received through intercession of the 'Lily of the Mohawks' and our Blessed Mother, which I promised for the spread of Kateri's work if the favor was granted."

—Juneau, Alaska.

"Thanks to Venerable Tekakwitha my son is back from Germany." —Carencro, La.

"Enclosed is for a favor received through the intercession of Tekakwitha."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

"I'd like to make an offering for a favor I received. Thanks to Catherine."

—Redondo Beach, Cal.

"Please publish thanks for favors received for others, temporal and spiritual."

—Hamilton, O.

"Venerable Tekakwitha has again answered my prayers and helped me financially."

—Chicago.

"Enclosed please find a small offering in thanksgiving to Venerable Tekakwitha."

—New York.

"This offer is for favors; to our Venerable Tekakwitha's Cause."

—Los Angeles.

"I am sending these dollars which I owe Kateri Tekakwitha for a favor she has granted me."

—Holyoke, Mass.

"Enclosed please find an offering in honor of Venerable Tekakwitha; I promised it if I obtained work."

—Worcester, Mass.

"I am enclosing an offering in thanksgiving for the success and health we had this last year and hope you keep on with the novena."

—Port Arthur, Tex.

"In thanksgiving to Kateri, I am sending this offering; through her intercession I received some wonderful gifts."

—Phillipsburg, N. J.

"Enclosed herewith is my check in thanksgiving in honor of Little Tekakwitha for a successful transaction."

—Beaumont, Tex.

"I am enclosing a check in thanksgiving to Kateri for her help. Please use it in whatever way you wish to hasten her canonization."

—Warren, Pa.

"Enclosed please find money order as offering for favor from Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha."

—Church Point, La.

"Enclosed offering promised as thanksgiving to dear little Tekakwitha for a little favor asked for. She seems to help one quickly."

—Flushing, N. Y.

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