

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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ALL ONE WORLD FOR TEKAKWITHA

Prominence is given to the following letter from the Catholic Mission, Tatung, China, because it tells of the Chinese Sisters, who have the singular distinction of having been founded under the patronage of Venerable Tekakwitha and long supported by contributions received through her intercession.

Readers of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS will recall the Father Hoogers, who was their founder and director. His death was recorded in our February, 1947, issue. When at last the war allowed his report to come through, the Sisters were eighty-three in number, and they had just met together to make a retreat under his care. It all sounds so familiar and homelike from that far-off part of the world. With their missionaries, the Scheut Fathers and Sisters, we join in the prayer for peace in that part of the world and everywhere else.

"During our internment the Sisters of Mei-kwei-ying-tze were cared for by a German Franciscan of the Show-chow Vicariate; but after our liberation His Excellency Monsignor Fan asked for one of our Tatung Fathers to take up the succession of Father Hoogers as spiritual director of the Sisters. Last year Father A. Van Acker was sent. In the summer of last year the Sisters had hard times with communists; but on the very day fixed for the occupation of the convent by the reds and for the dispersion of the Sisters, the reds had to give up and retreat. Thank God! From that time the Sisters could go on with their work in the schools and even a dozen of them are nurses in the Catholic hospital at Sui-yuan (S. Y. Vicariate). Here in our Tatung Mission, all but three mission stations are in red-occupied country and the Fathers there can hardly communicate with each other and with the headquarters in Tatung. Their arduous work is to cling to their station anyhow. May the patron saint of China get peace for this country."

—Catholic Mission, Tatung, China.

THE CABIN FIRST—NEXT A TEMPLE

An enthusiastic pastor writes from California:

"In the event of her beatification I think you ought to arrange for a collection to be taken up in every parish church in the U. S. A. with the idea of erecting a very beautiful church at Auriesville, New York. Such a church would, I am sure, become a great place of pilgrimage for the American people, especially for Catholics."

Our readers all will agree with him, but meantime her Cabin will do much to make her known and honored, and at last architect and builders are engaged in making it a reality.

PASSING THE GOOD WORD

"I am enclosing what I collected from one of the men in my office for a favor he received after I told him to pray to Kateri."

—Boston.

ANOTHER WAY

"My little daughter, 19, has entered the convent, and has received as her religious name, Sister M. Kateri. I am enclosing a postal-order for 100 leaflets and one dozen medals for distribution to spread devotion to Kateri."

—Bangor, Me.

STILL ANOTHER

"Some time ago I promised the 'Lily of the Mohawks,' Kateri, I would help make her better known if she would only give me relief from a terrible rheumatic pain in my hip. I also placed the little piece of cloth that touched her relic on my hip and prayed to her. For the past week I am free of pain for the first time, and I know she has helped me."

—Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.

AND STILL ANOTHER

"Little Kateri has again answered my prayers and I promised to continue distributing leaflets to make her better known. Like all farmers, with the price of feed as it is, we had to reduce our stock on our goat farm. I asked her to intercede to God. We sold seven goats to one man and feel it was through her intercession."

—Port Jervis, N. Y.

KEEPING A PROMISE

"Upon entering business college I promised this in honor of Tekakwitha if I could succeed and find a good job upon completing the course. Now that she has granted favor, I am enclosing a check."

—Port Arthur, Tex.

PROMISE KEPT AT LAST

"Over ten years ago Kateri did a grand job of saving a little cousin of mine from death. The child was deformed at birth and there

was little hope of her living at all and if she would live the doctors feared she would never live a normal life. Thanks to God and Kateri, she is well and normal in every way. Sorry it took me so long to fulfil the promise of publication."

—Peosta, Ia.

AND WHY NOT GREAT LOVE?

"A small child had typhus fever for twenty days — doctors didn't seem to help. Her father was given a novena prayer. He was very much discouraged at first. The novenas were started. In a few days the fever left her; her appetite came back; she gained weight, and later was taken to a physician, who pronounced her cured. These people have great love for Catherine."

—Church Point, La.

"A colored girl who had a foot sore for four years had been to hospitals in New Orleans and others. Had tried one doctor after another. This girl was in another state with her sister. I gave the novena to her mother. She made three novenas. Her daughter wrote and said she had made a few steps on her foot, the daughter not knowing that her mother was making novenas. They were continued, and after three months she is able to walk. They have great devotion to Catherine."

—Church Point, La.

EXTRAORDINARY

"Enclose find stipend for Mass in honor of Catherine for small girl cured of cancer, or what doctors thought was one. Over the child's eyes was a tumor. When operated on it was found to be a cancer. These families had been making novenas to Catherine. When after being taken to New Orleans Hospital pictures showed no sign of one. It seems like a miracle. Thanks a million times to God and Catherine—all family had made novenas and are still making them in thanksgiving. The child is now in school."

—Church Point, La.

"About two months ago I wrote to you stating that a daughter was having great trouble finding a place to go to since the house she was living in was sold and she had to vacate. Well, it gave us great concern, and six weeks ago (March 17) her mother had a heart attack and came near dying and after two weeks she contracted the old-fashioned grippe which very nearly finished her. Thanks be to God, this is all past history, and today the daughter moved into one of the government-project apartments (there are hundreds on the waiting list) and her mother is getting along wonderfully. I am sending along the donation I promised Kateri Tekakwitha, for I am sure she was praying for us."

—Philadelphia.

"FEAR WHERE THERE WAS NO FEAR."

—Psalm 13.

"Did I ever tell you the results of a novena to Tekakwitha last April 17 by one of my former pupils? She wanted to ask her father's permission to enter the convent, and she made a novena to Kateri for the needed courage. She was a convert who had encountered terrific opposition to her Baptism. She knew that a request to become a Sister would be 'the last straw' for an embittered Congregationalist parent. Here is what the girl wrote: 'Well, I asked Dad about going to the convent, I had to ask him Tuesday the 16th, but I left all to Tekakwitha anyhow. He was rather surprised, but after I did my talking he was very nice. He said he didn't know just then, but he would think it over.' The girl is now a novice in our Community, and rumor hath it that the father has thrown away his Masonic pin, and boasts to everyone of his daughter."

—Wallace, Idaho.

KATERI AND CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

"I am the Grand Regent of our Catholic Daughters, Court 'Lily of the Mohawks.' We organized ten years or so ago, but can't

recall how we selected that title. We covered the different parishes of our town, and went defunct after a short time. We re-organized two years ago and I have been Grand Regent since and kept searching for some holy cards, pamphlets or some reading material about her. I have a brother who is a pastor in a small parish in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and often mentioned it to him. A girl received a holy picture of her, but wouldn't part with it. After a long time hoping, I visited a chapel where I was acquainted with the good Sisters, and saw a small holy picture of her, and was so glad to see it they gave it to me, but I couldn't send for others without an address and, lo and behold, the same Sisters sent me a leaflet with your address. Their Superior is devoted to Kateri. Our former Superior heard my desire to procure something about her and presented me with a beautiful colored picture of her; it is the first framed picture I've seen. I was surprised that our Guild Studios didn't carry anything of her. They said they get them once in a while, but it was always in vain when I got there. So, my dear Father, I would like to have fifty small pictures of her so I can distribute to my girls, three dozen leaflets, three copies of her life and three medals. Include a bill and I will forward a check immediately. We have close to fifty Juniors and later I would like to get something for them to acquaint them with her, our 'Lily of the Mohawks.'"

—Dunmore, Pa.

SOME DEVOTION!

"In three months one man, who is devoted to the Venerable Tekakwitha, distributed 4,997 medals of her, and 1,535 copies of her Life."

"She is grand to pray to and she knows how much I appreciate her intercession."

—Pittsburgh.

"For the settlement of a lawsuit out of court for which I received compensation."

—Washington, D. C.

"She has found an apartment for a young couple and this is in thanksgiving."

—Chicago.

"Enclosed is a cheque towards the Cause of Katherine Tekakwitha for having helped us so much."

—Philadelphia.

"Am enclosing an offering for a Mass in thanksgiving for a favor granted through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha."

—Tucson, Ariz.

"Enclosed is a cheque for four dollars towards the Cause of Katherine Tekakwitha for having helped us so much."

—Philadelphia.

"I am grateful to our dear Kateri for her prayers in behalf of my brother while with the Army overseas, and during his convalescence from serious wounds." —St. Louis.

"I enclose a check as a thanksgiving offering from my husband and myself to express our grateful appreciation for the countless favors we have received through the intercession of our little Indian friend."

—San Francisco.

"A few years ago, through her intercession, we were able to purchase a home which has certainly been a blessing, especially during the past years when homes have been so scarce."

—Jacksonville, Fla.

"Some time ago I was given a pamphlet of Kateri Tekakwitha and I feel I have had many prayers answered, and it's about time I do some little thing to show my appreciation."

—Chicago.

"Enclosed find money order which I promised the Lily of the Mohawks for a financial favor which I received very quickly. Katherine has granted me many favors."

—Brooklyn.

"Enclosed is for favor granted through prayers to the little Indian Maiden, Kateri. Though I could find no answer to the problem which confronted me, Kateri found the way."

—New Orleans.

"Enclosed is a check to aid the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. We are most grateful to her for her prayers to God for us which enabled us to sell a house a short time ago."

—Rochester, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	20	Relief in Distress	23
Spiritual	2	Examination Success	9
Property Sale	3	Safety	12
Apartments	2	Not Specified	34

PETITIONS

Cures	5	Apartments	4
Spiritual	6	Not Specified	20

Obituary

Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Maurice B. Alexander, Solomon's Island, Md.
Rev. Charles Cannon, O.S.B., Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Mrs. Vinnie M. Codd, Tekoa, Wash.
Miss Joan McCarthy, Boston, Mass.

TO MAKE TEKAKWITHA KNOWN AND LOVED

LEAFLETS

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