

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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NOT 'CAN BE,' BUT 'SHOULD BE' MENTIONED

Reverend and dear Father:

The Canadian Government appointed on May 16, 1946, a Special Committee of the Canadian Senate and House of Commons to examine and consider the Indian Act.

The members of the Canadian Episcopacy, who have Indians in their dioceses, and our Catholic Missionaries at large, entertained fears lest this Committee would be led to secularize our Catholic Indian Schools and Hospitals.

Because our Catholic Indians number 52 per cent. of the total Indian population, we were asked to present a Brief to support our views in regards to education and hospitalization. The preparation of this brief gave those interested a great deal of trouble.

About a month before the date set for the presentation of our Brief, I was prompted to place the interest of our Canadian Indians under the protection of our Venerable Tekakwitha and began to recite the rosary for her beatification and for the relief of all Indians who might still be in purgatory. From that day, all obstacles and doubt disappeared as if by magic. His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan accepted to head our delegation with the Archbishop of Ottawa, Archbishop Murray of Winnipeg and Bishop Belleau of James Bay. Our school principals, to the number of six, came to Ottawa; we were very cordially received by the Committee, our Brief was listened to attentively and the effect on the members of the Committee, from all the reports that I have been able to gather, was of an excellent nature.

I thought that whilst this is not a fact or favour that can be used for the canonization of Venerable Tekakwitha, it is something which can be mentioned among the many graces obtained through her intercession.

Very truly yours in Christ,

J. O. PLOURDE, O.M.I.

A TEKAKWITHA STATUE

At last we are to have a statue worthy — the sculptress would say, somewhat worthy — of the Venerable Servant of God. Ever since she began to be known as popularly as she is now there has been a demand for her statue, for outdoor shrines, for school grottos, for private devotion.

Various attempts have been made to model her statue, but none of them could be recommended. They are too gross, not of sufficient Indian type, raiment and decoration. Statuettes, especially those provided at Auriesville, the figure arched over, have met with favor, but they suit only small private oratories. The need has been for something on a larger scale, not too large, but tall enough to appear on a lawn or in a garden and sufficiently

expressive of the Indian features as altered and sublimated by the Christian devotion for which Kateri became so remarkable.

There is a statue of Tekakwitha which was originally designed for the vestibule of Dunwoodie Seminary, representing her as an Indian princess, or chieftain's daughter, and there is an heroic copy of it at the entrance to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at Auriesville, New York, where she was born, but not every site for a statue is so spacious as that.

The new statue is of delicate and graceful proportion, not over three feet in height, base and all. It follows the lines of the famous water-color by Mother Nealis, of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is regarded as an ideal picture of Tekakwitha, and with the lithograph of which her lovers are so familiar.

It is too soon to publish a picture of the new statue, or to quote prices of it in various materials, but that will be done in a subsequent issue. Readers will be pleased to have this present announcement.

REPORTS OF FAVORS

A reader expresses delight with the variety of the answers to prayer which we publish monthly as they are reported by those who are favored through Kateri's intercession. The variety appears not only in the many separate letters received, but frequently in one letter, as in this issue, under the title: "Duluth Never Fails."

HOW DULUTH GOT ITS NAME

Never should devotees of Venerable Tekakwitha forget that Duluth got its name from a famous Canadian captain who soon after her death received an extraordinary cure through her intercession, so extraordinary that it has become an historical record. The blessing he received seems to be repeated in the town named after him.

REPORTING FAVORS

So numerous are the favors reported as obtained through the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha that we could not find space for printing all of them and evidently not all those who report them expect to see them published. To all who report them we are grateful. It is a mark of their gratitude to the saintly Indian Maiden and a proof of their belief in her favor with God. It is not necessary that an offering should accompany the report of a favor. The great thing is to have it become widely known that those who invoke her aid are favored by God.

A GENEROUS ENCLOSURE IT WAS

"I am sending the enclosed in thanksgiving for a favor I received through Kateri's intercession — the recovery of a person from a dreadful accident. To me it was nothing short of a miracle."
—Darby, Pa.

MASSSES OFFERED IN ROME

"Enclosed please find check for Masses of thanksgiving for a favor received from Kateri Tekakwitha. The woman who sent the offering promised it if her brother became well. He had undergone a serious operation and is now able to resume his work."

—Newark, N. J.

AN HONORABLE PRIDE

"Enclosed is a small offering for the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha and erection of Cabin, because she has helped me so much in the past and, too, because I am still trusting to her intercession and help in a present need. Of course I am very happy to have a share in this wonderful Cause. It is an especial honor and privilege of which I am proud."
—Scarsdale, N. Y.

DESPITE HIS OWN NEED

"With donation for Cabin I wish to report one definite *spiritual* favor which one of my families received during our novena which ended April 17. A lady gave me a dollar in thanksgiving for a successful operation. I,

too, have a big but necessary building program ahead of me and I have appointed Venerable Kateri as treasurer. I shall report on her success." —Pastor, Vine Grove, Ky.

RESTORING LOVED ONES

"I have sought her for many favors, and especially do I consider her effective in sending many boys back to their parents from that far-flung war area. Even Protestants asked prayers from me for that end, and, rather spectacularly, the loved one came home—it may be loved ones, as I could not say accurately, save to know stipulations were solicited." —Decatur, Tex.

TRUST THE WOMAN

"I lost my wallet with a little cash in it, my registration and license was in it also, but it was lost in a large field of newly harrowed ground. My wife said you will find it even here if you pray hard enough. I said it is impossible. She said will you remember the 'Lily' if you find it. I said I would give her some of the money. About one hundred feet away my wife picked it up. Thanks again to Venerable Tekakwitha. We pray every night that we will see the day she will be canonized." —Flanders, N. J.

CHICAGO, EVER IN ADVANCE

"Will you please send us some small colored pictures of the Venerable Indian Maiden so I can spread the devotion and let others receive as much help from her as I have these last ten years. Not a day has passed that I have not carried her picture, with the relic on it, with me, and I know she is helping us, on all causes, spiritual, healthful and enough financially, to carry on and do as much good here and there as we can, after we have attended our daily Mass each day. One of the churches, close to us, by the name of 'John Bosco,' has a window of the Venerable Kateri." —Chicago, Ill.

"I am very grateful for the leaflets and picture you sent, as I want to give them to a little Tuscarora Indian girl who is now lying on her deathbed in the Osteopathic Hospital in Los Angeles, Cal., with cancer of the spine and the doctors have despaired of her life. She is a member of the Six Nations Indian tribe and was born in Hagersville, Ontario. Her mother was a Baptist and father an Anglican and she had confided to me that she wanted to become a Catholic and would like to die as one. She has been anointed by the Chaplain at the hospital, and received Communion on the First Friday of the month. Her name is Pearl Frances Hill and I have wondered about the middle name, Frances, as it would seem that there must have been Christians in her family back history. But the most amazing thing is to see the light that comes to her eyes when she receives something of a Catholic spirit and nobody could help but recognize the heroic virtues that this poor little Indian girl has and the obstacles she has had to overcome." —Baldwin Park, Cal.

DULUTH NEVER FAILS

"I wish to thank the 'Lily of the Mohawks' through the leaflet published each month for the many fine favors she has granted us in the past four months. She has always come promptly to my aid, except for one, and that is suitable employment for my husband. But there must be a reason for it. The important favors she has granted are: children passing mid-term examinations, work accomplished, materials obtained, articles sold, financial assistance, favorable T.B. X-rays, year-book published, trouble avoided, help obtained, graduations with success, virginity preserved, mission made, recollection day a success, favorable interview, tools obtained, safe return, honorable mention, and many minor favors. I recite a perpetual novena to her each day and she showers us with answers to our prayers." —Duluth, Minn.

"This is in thanksgiving for temporal favors received through her intercession."

—Columbus, O.

"Enclosed offering promised as thanksgiving to dear little Tekakwitha for favor asked. Help was quickly received."—Philadelphia.

"Enclosed I promised little Kateri if she would grant me a special favor. I know she will do so and am sending it in advance."

—Rochester, N. Y.

"Another \$5.00 towards the Cabin, in thanks for Kateri's help in alleviating an embarrassing, as well as a painful, situation."

—East Liverpool, O.

"I owe Good Tekakwitha three Masses for her wonderful works. She never fails me! My check is for the Masses and leaves two dollars to further her Cause. No day passes that I do not ask her help—and get it!"

—Louisville.

"... pour la prompte canonization de ma Bien-Aimee Kateri Tekakwitha, en actions-de-graces de la presque complete guerison de mon asthme obtenue de la Ste-Vierge-Marie par l'intercession de la petite Servante Venerable—Kateri Tekakwitha."

—Washington, Vt.

"Please find enclosed check which I am enclosing for favors received from Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks. Her folder was sent to me by a friend of mine, who attended St. Mary-of-the-Woods with me—she also is part Indian."—Evanston, Ill.

"I have been praying to little Kateri for my children so they would be good at their studies in school—their report cards have been improving all the time and now they are so good I'm proud to show their reports to everyone. Thank you, little Kateri, for the favor."

—Chicago.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	6	Safety	3
Spiritual	1	Financial Aid	4
Positions	2	Relief in Distress	7
Not Specified	40		

PETITIONS

Cures	5	Apartments	5
Positions	4	Financial Aid	3
Not Specified	20		

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