

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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THE PRAYER

Tekakwitha's Indian people, pagan as well as Christian, spoke of her religion as 'The Prayer.' The pagans made effort to commune with the spirits of the sun, moon and stars, with the songs of the winds, the soughing of the trees, the rippling of the waters. When they saw the convert, or Christian, Indians answering the bell summons to the Chapel frequently during the day, saw them kneeling for the Angelus, reciting the Rosary devoutly, with faces beaming with reverence and heads bowed in supplication, they spoke of them as the 'Indians of the Prayer.'

The title is true to the mark. Religion is union with God. Prayer is communion with God. The pagan Indians had what nature could give them, respect and fear for its order, forces, power so often terrific and catastrophic. The Christian Indian had respect for mature's law, but, more than this, a love above nature for the Author of nature's law and order and a love for His goodness and power to enable human beings to rise above their deprayed tendencies and do as the Author of nature inspires them to do.

The Prayer, union with God by communion with Him in prayer, became the life habit off the convert, or Christian Indians. They were at Mass in the Chapel, mornings, at instructions during the day, stopping their work as the angelus bell rung at noon and evening, gathering for night prayers in the Chapel before retiring. Such was the routine of Tekakwitha's life; Mass, frequent Holy Communion, Angelus (the village time-piece), the Rosary, Benediction and night prayers. Religion for her and her Christian tribespeople at Caughnawaga was in very fact 'The Prayer.'

'The Prayer' is still the life of Tekakwitha in heaven — the prayer of praising God, of glorifying His Sacred Presence, of adoring Him, and of interceding with Him for the meeds of the many who invoke her here on earth. And they are many, in the land of her birth, in the home in Canada which she sanctified in her last days, in many parts of the world, in South America, Europe and in the Far East. From the day of her death until now, answers to prayer of invocation to her have been numerous beyond recording. Named after her, this Litty of the Mohawks tells every month part of what she obtains from Almighty God for her many devout clients who confidently seek her aid.

DEATH OF CARDINAL SALOTTI

Prefect of the Congregation of Rites

Carlo Cardinal Salotti, Prefect of the Congregation of Rites, died October 27. He was 77 years old. He had been gravely ill for some time. He had claim to the title of "Saint Maker," having occupied also during his thirty years of service with the Congregation the office of Advocate of the Saints and Consistorial Advocate. As such, he promoted more than 100 causes for canonization. He was intensely interested in Kateri.

Cardinal Salotti was born at Grotte De Castro on July 25, 1870. His decision to become a priest came while undergoing conscript military service in Rome. He was ordained in 1894 and, after completing advanced studies in the University of Rome, was eleven years professor of philosophy at the Atheneum of St. Apollinare. He became a Cardinal in 1935 after nearly thirty years of work in various offices of the Congregation of Rites. Five years earlier, he had been appointed secretary of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. R. I. P.

His successor in the Congregation of Rites is Vincent Cardinal Micara, Deam of Apostolic Nuncios.

BLESSED, INDEED

"Enclosed find thanks offering to Kateri. With faith and your kind thoughts we went through this terrific storm; water back of us to the lake, water few blocks front of us to river, water a few blocks west of us. Our home is on low ground and we were blessed with no water in it."

—New Orleans.

No Limit, Age or Belief

"Enclosed find a small donation toward expenses for Cabin in honor of 'The Lily of the Mohawks.' Some time ago I asked you to say a Mass for a very sick friend, a non-Catholic. She is 84 years of age and is now able to do her own work." —Brogan, Ore.

IT IS IDEAL FOR RETREATS

"A small offering to the Tekakwitha League. Kateri came to my mind as I read the Mass of the Holy Martyrs Jogues and Companions this morning. Please pray for me as I am scheduled to make the closed Retreat at the Shrine in Auriesville. It has long been my ambition to make such a Retreat where Kateri was born. I trust your good prayers will help me secure all the graces I need, especially your prayers to Kateri Tekakwitha."

—Centuria, Wis.

A QUICK RECOVERY

"Once again Tekakwitha has come to our aid in time of trouble. Our little boy, who has a great love for Kateri, has mow again witnessed the greatness of her intercession. We first started to pray to her when he was two years old; he is seven now. He has been very sick many times since and we always went to her to help him. This time when the doctor came he took us right to the hospital. John had pneumonia and meningitis. As soon as I was able to see him after he was put to bed he asked me to bring Tekakwitha to the hospital. I did so the same day. John was in the hospital a little more than a week when the doctor sent him home. He is doing very well now." -Pittsburgh.

TROUBLES IN PLENTY

"I was out of employment and my wife was ailing, and generally in very poor health. I sought the intercession of the Indian Maiden and she heard and granted my requests. I obtained a Federal position and my wife's health improved. Since then I have always placed my plea in her hands and never has she failed me. During the last war, as my son was going overseas, I asked that she watch over and protect him. Again she answered my prayers and he returned home safely.

"The Federal Government is now going through an economy program. After eleven years of service I was furloughed on June 30 of this year. I used all sorts of political pressure seeking to be reinstated, but to no avail, inasmuch as they are still cutting the size of the force. Again I went to the Indian Maiden, asking that she please have me reinstated by August 15 and vowed to have a Mass of thanksgiving said in her honor if she would hear my plea, as I must say that I was becoming juite discouraged, being rebuffed on all sides. Again she heard and answered my plea, for on August 7 I was summoned to my former office and reinstated to a position which promised to be better than my previous one. Thanks to the Lily of the Mohawks, and it is indeed a pleasure to inclose an offering for a Mass of thanksgiving." -Brooklyn.

REMARKABLE

"For the past four or five years I had attacks of severe pains in the right side, and apparent severe indigestion. I saw several physicians until one finally diagnosed it as gall bladder trouble three years ago. I was put on quite a severe diet of fatless foods. I was very young, just beginning my religious life as a teacher and so found this quite hard to follow as I was in great need of my strength. I also had to be faithful to the pills three times a day or I felt the results! In spite of all precautions and medicines, I was smitten down several times in the year by quite severe attacks, causing me to lose days and even weeks away from the classroom. During the past winter I read the life of Kateri Tekakwitha to my Indian pupils in the mission where I am stationed. was so impressed by her many wonderful miracles and cures that I at once decided to make a novena to her to ask my cure and especially to be delivered from the probable operation which I had been advised to undergo this summer as the only probable relief. I promised to have the cure made known to her Postulators, to send an offering of a Mass at the end of the school term. I would consider myself cured by that time if I no longer suffered any attacks of a previous nature. I was sure Kateri would grant my request as I was working amongst her own Indians and therefore needed my health and strength. On February 10, last, I started the novena to her by simply reciting an 'Our Father,' 'Hail, Mary' and 'Glory be to the Father' each day after Holy Communion. I was so sure of my cure that I immediately stopped taking my medicine and partook of any fatty foods placed before me at the table. I have never since felt the least pain nor had any attacks. I have felt better this spring than I have felt for the past seven or eight years-thanks to my dear little intercessor, Kateri, whom I cannot cease thanking."

-Grouard, Alberta, Canada.

AGAIN, DULUTH

"A terrible quarrel was brewing and hard words were spoken on the spur of the moment to be continued when two people got together. I again promised a rosary and publication if it was averted. When these two people met they sanely and without anger came to a complete understanding over a serious and important issue affecting the lives of twelve people. Also, thanks to Venerable Kateri."

"The Lily of the Mohawks answers prayers faster than I can find time to acknowledge them in the Bulletin or Monthly Message. Since I wrote last I have received promptly on request many seemingly impossible answers to my prayers. I promised publication if she would spare a dear friend from a fast-spreading infection—in just a few hours it had spread from a hangnail on a finger into her arm and chest. Had to be hospitalized. In two days she was back home and in another day ready to resume her job."

"This is a promise I made for favors received."

—Terre Haute, Ind.

"Enclosed please find what I owe to Venerable Tekakwitha for many favors received through her."

—Philadelphia.

"We just had our annual Fall Festival; I placed it under the guidance of Tekakwitha—it was a great success. I am enclosing a donation for her Cause."—Olpe, Kan.

"The enclosed donation is just my way of showing gratitude for the favors and success I have received as a result of my prayers to the Lily of the Mohawks."—Kenmore, N. Y.

"I shall try to spread devotion to her, as I have received a wonderful request, after praying to her for ten years, although at times I was in despair."

—Detroit.

"I was very low in funds and asked her last night for immediate help; on returning home found a check for \$25.00 in the mail— I surely did not expect. I promised to publish this wonderful favor."—Detroit.

"In gratitude for the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha in my behalf—I hope to be able to send a dollar each month, and when financially able to make a more substantial offering for her Cause."

—Tulsa, Okla.

"About five weeks ago my husband's firm closed down and, as a result, he was out of a job. I asked Kateri Tekakwitha to help him find a suitable position and a more lucrative one than he had formerly. In less than a week's time he found a very desirable position."

—New York.

"I am enclosing an offering in thanksgiving to Kateri for continuing good eyesight and other favors."

—Gary, Ind.

"I was very low in funds and asked her last night for immediate help; on returning home tonight found a check for \$25.00 in the mail I surely did not expect. I promised to publish this wonderful favor."—Detroit.

"Recently my husband was struck by a truck and taken to the hospital. I prayed to Little Tekakwitha that his injuries would not be serious. Thanks to God, His Blessed Mother and Little Tekakwitha he is well and back at work again; also, his sunt was settled."

—New Orleans.

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