

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## The Holy Season's Greetings

### AURIESVILLE, KATERI'S BIRTHPLACE — PEACE — I

No matter how one travels to Auriesville, Tekakwitha's birthplace, the journey is never tedious. From every point of the compass the passage is through pleasant places. Open landscapes, woodland, hills, valleys, streams, all promising a point of arrival in keeping with the lovely approaches. Nor is the promise disappointed. Come by train from whatever quarter, by auto, bus, or foot, as many local pilgrims do, the scene is entrancing, a broad river, hills to the north rising into the Adirondacks, to the East a meeting of the waters Mohawk and Schoharie, to the South the uplands overlooking beautiful Cherry Valley, and the West with its hamlets, some down off the lowland river banks, some on the brows of the hills, some further back in sparse woodlands. For a moment it is, awesome, so quiet, so serene.

But quickly there is movement, ranks forming for the procession up Martyr's Hill, priest with Crucifix and altar boys leading,

all reciting the rosary, or chanting the Stabat Mater — Our Lady of Martyrs was the name of the shrine before the Martyrs were canonized. The procession is orderly, no strain apparent on the marchers as they sing or utter their Holy Mary. Order in the ranks, quiet in the voices — peace.

As one who has known for over fifty years how pilgrimages are conducted at Auriesville, the writer can testify that there never has been any disorder in the ceremonies there — 10,000 pilgrims are a common number there. They arrive by every means of transportation, train, car, bus, foot. Without direction, they fall in ranks as if accustomed to it, and it is the same for the Way of the Cross, the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, no confusion, no disorder, all in peace, and peace is the tranquillity of order.

The scenery is restful, the air quiet, undisturbed even by the shriek of the locomotive or the whistle of the barge on the river.

Above all, there is the peace that grows on one by the inspiration of the place, once the hotbed of savagery, the bloodthirsty Mohawks, schooled in cruelty from their infancy, forever on the warpath, delighting in the torture of their captives and, when fatigued by this grim task, turning it over to their women and children.

Now at Auriesville all is peace; one breathes it at every moment, and it is a peace that does not vanish as one leaves the place,

but it is enduring, as pilgrims say, a foretaste of peace everlasting.

*(To be continued.)*

#### THE PENNY BANK

"Enclosed please find money order for seven dollars, which represents my penny savings for the year, and a thanks offering for the many favors the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha has obtained for me."

#### AND SO SHE BECOMES KNOWN

"A girl friend of mine in the office where we work gave me several leaflets and medals and having need of a favor myself I prayed to her, and within two days it was granted. I gave some away and the people to whom I sent them called me to tell that she had helped them."

—Scarsdale, N. Y.

#### AND THEY KEEP THEIR WORD

"Enclosed is our check for \$25.00 as a thanksgiving offering to little Catherine Tekakwitha for putting over our annual benefit turkey dinner again for us. We wish it could be more, but this is what we promised her for the Cause of her Beatification and we want to keep our word."

—Denison, Tex.

#### CREDIT TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE

"Enclosed find check which I promised for special favors received through Venerable Kateri. She has helped me so much. Previously I wrote in enclosing a check when she helped us sell our house. We had to move to Arizona because of my husband's health. It is surprising how much improved he is since coming here. The climate has helped, but I give most credit to Venerable Kateri."

—Douglas, Ariz.

#### AGAIN, DULUTH

"The Lily of the Mohawk 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."

—Duluth, Minn.

#### AND AGAIN

"Last week I suffered terribly from an ulcerated tooth. My courage fails me when I have to get teeth pulled. I am diabetic, my blood showed sugar before I left for the dentist's office. He wouldn't pull my tooth, knowing my condition. I came home, suffering, fearful, disappointed. I promised Katharine certain prayers and publication if she would help me in my pain and difficulties. I took another sugar test and found myself negative (only a few hours after the other one). It seemed miraculous. I went back to the dentist, stated the facts and he pulled the tooth. It hurts, but not too badly."

—Duluth, Minn.

#### SUCH A BLESSING

"I promised the Masses and publication if I were answered; have been threatened with loss of my voice, and a chronic sore throat,

since June. Have prayed every day to Kateri Tekakwitha, and at this time am free from the sore throat and using my voice — think this is a real miracle, as I have had the 'flu' since and did not lose my voice or have the sore throat. In my position I have to use my voice constantly as I am on the phones, and when I am unable to talk, am practically out of work." —Kansas City.

#### MORE THAN ONE

"One young lady eloped. Her mother grieved because she got no word of her whereabouts. She told me about her worry. This was Thursday. I told her I would pray to Tekakwitha and I promised publication if my request was granted. On Saturday her mother calls me by phone and told me she heard from her daughter and ever since she has by letter or long distance phone been in touch with her mother. Number two. I had a cyst at my ankle bone. I had an operation to remove it. Doctor forbade me to step on it for ten days following. Those ten days I was either in bed or using crutches. Finally I asked Tekakwitha when the bandage was removed that I might have the use of my foot. I did walk without crutches. An infection set in on the skin which now has to be taken care of. I can use my foot though. When a person is 69 years old the use of the feet is a prized possession. One other thing I am grateful for was that on our Annual Tag Day for the children our charity received over \$200 more than the previous year; others did not do as well." —Chicago.

#### WONDERFUL, INDEED

"I am enclosing a small offering in honor of Venerable Kateri for a wonderful favor received. My husband became dangerously ill, was taken to the hospital where he collapsed and had a hemorrhage. A priest was called and he was given the last rites. Everyone thought he was done for, but my brother gave me the prayer to Kateri and told me to

pray and ask her to ask God to spare his life for us. I prayed as I never prayed before, so he started to come around and they gave him eleven blood transfusions. After he got a little stronger they X-rayed him and found that he had a bleeding ulcer which the doctor said he could heal, and are we thankful! He was able to go back to work last week. Everybody says it was a miracle that he got well again. I will always pray to Venerable Kateri." —Pittsburgh.

#### IN FAR-OFF LAND

"The following is interesting and I wish to acknowledge favor received through intercession of Kateri. The latter part of September a young man was brought in for an emergency appendix operation. About three weeks later he was showing no physical improvement and an examination showed an abscess in the region of the liver. An operation was again necessary and it was found necessary to drain the area afterwards. Some recovery was noted but a relapse the early part of November gave the doctors some worry and after another examination it was learned that an operation would be necessary immediately (the third) since this would be the only means to relieve another infected region. The night before the day of operation we used the relic and requested a favor. An operation would have been serious. The abscess began to drain through a previous incision before Mass the next morning and the young man received Holy Communion. Doctors and technicians were surprised and happy to learn that the patient would not have to enter surgery. Progress was shown from then on and a few days ago the young man departed for his home in the States."

—Anchorage, Alaska.

"In thanksgiving for the kind assistance I have from the Jesuit Father at Auriesville every Sunday, I am enclosing a check."

—Palmer, N. Y.



"This is a promise I made for favors received."  
—Terre Haute, Ind.

"Kateri Tekakwitha has been good to me and in my requests I put great faith in her."  
—Brockton, Mass.

"Enclosed please find offering which I owe to Venerable Tekakwitha for many favors received through her."  
—Philadelphia.

"I have received many favors from Kateri, and in many cases almost immediate answer to petitions."  
—Youngstown, O.

"I hope Kateri will help me. I feel so close to her, having the relic. Just to think someone so close to God is near me, too."  
—Inglewood, Cal.

"I need her help for patience and charity during the time of a great worry and for the removal of that worry—also—in gratitude."  
—Corning, N. Y.

"Enclosed find a donation to my dear saintly maiden and I hope to see her on the altar. I am a little girl of twelve myself and hope to be like her."  
—Los Angeles.

"Little Kateri has been wonderful to me many times and I am very grateful for her intercession in my behalf and for the favors and blessings I have received through her intercession."  
—Batesville, Ark.

"For her intercession in asking God to cure me of a heart ailment which according to the

doctor was impossible to return to normal. The last check-up showed it perfect, thank God."  
—Des Moines, Ia.

"A small contribution to her Cause, for next to God I can never praise Tekakwitha enough for all she has done for me. Believe me, she never fails a request from me."  
—New Orleans.

"Little Kateri has helped me many times and I wish to say 'thank you' to her for her kindness to me. Will you, please, accept five dollars of the enclosed check as a thanksgiving offering."  
—West View, Pa.

"Enclosed is offering in thanksgiving to Catherine Tekakwitha—a favor I received in finding an apartment—a friend gave me the leaflet; she also secured a home."  
—Philadelphia.

"I am sending a small offering in thanksgiving to our dear Kateri for the many favors received through her intercession, particularly for an almost miraculous cure of a little boy who had been seriously injured by falling from a horse. I placed him under Kateri's care on hearing of the accident. He is now attending school."  
—Wellesley Hills, Mass.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	3	Employment .....	1
Financial Aid .....	2	Apartment .....	1
Relief in Distress .....	3	Not Specified .....	37

#### PETITIONS

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