

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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AURIESVILLE, KATERI'S BIRTHPLACE — PEACE — II

When we speak of Auriesville as a place, or even a Shrine, of peace, there is no doubt of the fact, as we described it in our last issue; why it should be so, is another question for which here is an attempt to answer.

Certainly, the traditions and memories of the site are above all others those of peace. Father Jogues' predominant trait of character, composure, will ever invest the place to which he came as an ambassador of peace, the first time appointed by the civil authority of the day to put an end to warfare; the second time by his spiritual superiors to bring about the peace of the Kingdom of Christ. Captive Christian Indians had their influence in putting a check on the savagery of the warlike Mohawks.

It may be somewhat poetic to say that an atmosphere of peace is exhaled from a soil bedewed with the blood of Martyrs, of Jogues, Goupil and Lalande, now honored as Saints, and of numerous Christian Indian men and women; but if it be true to say: "The blood of Martyrs is the seed of Christians," why not say the soil of Auriesville exhales the pre-eminent Christian virtue of peace?

Again, may not a home, a tract of land, a city even, like the House of Loretto, Lourdes or Jerusalem be invested by something more than memory of what once happened there?

Many who pilgrimage to Auriesville have memory of what happened there, because they have never heard or read about the Martyrs and still they feel the influence of its peace.

Saint Isaac Jogues had many remarkable traits of character, but the one that impresses us above all the others is his composure, and composure implies a peace of mind and heart that cannot be ruffled. His was a stormy career whether on land or on sea. Compared with our ocean liners the caravels that carried passengers over the ocean in his day were toy vessels which frequently failed to arrive at the port of their destination. Yet he calmly boarded one, ministered to his fellow passengers, attending the sick, arriving in the crude harbor of Quebec and writing home as if it had been all a peaceful journey. The shocking conditions of travel and life with the Indians did not disturb him. Missionary errands, savage rebuff, even threats of death, he withstood as if he took them for granted. Captivity, torture, slavery, he underwent as if it were his due portion, showing no sign of sorrow except when his companions were made to suffer, and even then maintaining his own placid and resolute bearing. How the Dutch at Albany marvelled when he, already a freeman in their hands, quietly sat

down to strike a balance between the reasons for choosing to escape or return to slavery and probable torture among the Mohawks!

This same composure we witness in Saints Rene Goupil, John Lalande and their captive companions, William Couture and Eustace Ahasistari. Witness it still in the Christian Indians who had to do with Venerable Tekakwitha, both at her birthplace, Auriesville,

and at her place of refuge, La Prairie, Canada. So redolent of peace was she, that even after her death they invoked her to save them from the raids of the warlike Iroquois. A sense of peace was one of the heavenly gifts that came to the convert Indians whether they remained with their pagan tribesmen or gathered among themselves in places where they could act as Christians unmolested.

NOT THE ONLY ONE

"Am sending twenty-five dollars for Kateri Tekakwitha; have been saving dimes for some time, sending them for Christmas."

—Cleveland.

FROM THAT NEW SCOURGE

"A young girl who used the relic has completely recovered from what seemed to be a hopeless case of rheumatic fever."

—Washington, Pa.

SHE DOES HELP OUT

"Enclosed is check promised to Kateri for a position which came in due time, and at a good salary as requested." —Highland, Md.

A PASTOR'S GRATITUDE

"The 'Lily of the Mohawks' has been graciously helping my parish, spiritually as well as financially. May I enclose a small amount towards the Cause of her speedy canonization."

—Burlington, N. J.

FROM AFAR OFF

"Thanks and veneration to the Lily of the Mohawks, whose intercession helped in solving one of our many difficult and apparently hopeless matrimonial cases among our Thaltan Band."

—Telegraph Creek, B. C.

GETTING AROUND

"Last evening a strange nurse came in to me. When she saw the picture of Tekakwitha on the frame of my bed she said: 'We heard all about her in grammar school.' So you see, Kateri does get around."

—New York.

AS HAPPENED SOON AFTER HER DEATH

"I promised Little Catherine this on August 19 when the storm came near wrecking our home. I am glad to say my home was spared of any damage, and I am so happy to donate this little offering to the Shrine."

—Marrero, La.

"My voice is very much better, also my throat. I am still on my job, and while talking on the phone sometimes bothers me, I have been doing quite well since invoking Katherine Tekakwitha." —Kansas City, Mo.

HELPING A PASTOR

"I was in need of Mass stipends, and I promised 'Little Katie' ten per cent. if she would bring me some. From an unexpected source she sent me some High Mass stipends. Enclosed is a check to make good my promise. With best of wishes for the coming Christmas season and asking a memento in your good prayers." —Harbor Beach, Mich.

A REAL VARIETY

"Through her intercession a very difficult family situation was cleared quickly and,

secondly, I was able to get my car out of deep snow when it seemed impossible. In addition, her intercession was invoked in a business situation which has not yet been straightened out but is improving." —Utica, N. Y.

"I do want you to know that your prayers have worked wonders with both T. and also the doctor for whom I asked your prayers. Thanks for the pictures and prayers for the canonization of Mathew Talbot. Both are regular at their work and not drinking."

—Cincinnati.

FROM A PILGRIMAGE DIRECTOR

"We have no Jesuits in our town. I only wish I could make Auriesville better known. It is the most beautiful place on God's earth, no matter who goes there and spends just one hour around the grounds. I don't care who he or she is, they may not get the favor they are asking for, but they do get this — *Peace* — on that hilltop — is *Peace* of mind, soul and body, whenever anything is written about the Shrine of the North-American Martyrs — the word *Peace* should be written in. Broken families — broken souls, and broken hearts can find peace at the Auriesville Shrine of the North-American Martyrs — the Shrine of *Peace* — after my many visits there, I know. You are now an old priest; before you leave us please give us your hilltop shrine of the North-American Martyrs as the Shrine of *Peace*. God bless you and thank you, and be sure I will not forget your generous favor. Begging your prayers and Masses and promising you all the prayers of the Little Sisters of the Poor and Dominicans."

—Paterson, N. J.

ALONG THE TRAIL

"For twenty years the young Jesuits, who spend the year teaching in the colleges and high schools of the New York Province, had no summer place for the short rest granted

them. Either suitable spots were not available, or in our topsy-turvy conditions it was impossible to make an available place suitable. Now they have a place, and where would readers of this *LILY OF THE MOHAWKS* believe it is? Nowhere else but right along the trail of the Martyrs of Auriesville and of Tekakwitha on her journey to La Prairie, Canada, on Lake Champlain, about twenty miles this side of the border and not many miles above the island named after Saint Isaac Jogues, because he was tortured there. Correctly one asks, have the Martyrs and Tekakwitha had any part in this?"

A PRIEST RECOMMENDS KATERI

"Mrs. X. had lost a baby, her first, shortly after birth. She and her husband longed for another child but waited in vain. Then I told them to appeal to Kateri for another little girl with the promise to name her Kateri if their prayer was heard. Not long after they wrote to tell me they were expecting a baby '... and in the fulness of time, a lovely little girl was born and christened after Kateri. Little 'Kathy' is nearly four years old now — just last summer, she was taken desperately ill.' The rest of the story is told in the mother's own words enclosed.

"'How grateful I was for the little relic you sent this summer. Just a few days after it arrived, Kathy became very ill; for about forty-eight hours the doctor watched for polio and we were nearly frantic. I sat with her night and day and kept placing the little piece of cloth that had touched relic of Kateri on her. To hear that little child beg Kateri to help her was just more than I could take, but Kateri certainly took care of her and though she was ill for several weeks she made a nice recovery and is her same darling self again. She asked for an Indian princess costume for Hallowe'en and so, of course, Charlie brought her one from Columbus as her gift from that business trip.'"

—Buffalo.

"Enclose please find an offering in thanksgiving for very special favors."

—Pastor, Church Point, La.

"Enclosed please find one dollar as my Christmas offering."

—New Haven.

"I promised publication if a prayer for rain was granted. This rain was granted and prolonged some of the gardens."

—Independence, Kan.

"I am enclosing check to help your Cause, in thanksgiving for many favors granted. Will you please send me some leaflets."

—West Hartford, Conn.

"I am enclosing this for I have promised I would send it if a special favor was granted when I prayed to Venerable Tekakwitha and my favor was granted."

—Bayonne, N. J.

"The skin cancer is improving slowly, but I feel confident it will be entirely cured. Enclosed is check; please remember me in Mass."

—Punxsutawney, Pa.

"I would like a few leaflets, No. 1 and No. 2, on Kateri Tekakwitha to give to some friends; I find her such a great help to me in so many ways."

—Rutherford, N. J.

"I am sending donation for Masses to Catherine, one to Catherine and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thanksgiving for many favors obtained through Catherine. She is wonderful."

—St. Cloud, Minn.

"I wish to thank Tekakwitha for three miraculous favors. At the time I asked for them they did not seem possible; one I received within two days, the other in a few weeks, and another not so long ago."

—Cincinnati.

"I am so very grateful to you, and feel my throat is much improved, and will continue to say the prayer, and know I will have a complete cure. Am sending you a check to help toward Katherine Tekakwitha's canonization, and will do something for her Cabin."

—Kansas City, Mo.

"Also enclosed is an offering. I recently gave one of the small book-marks you sent with the prayer on it to a non-Catholic lady with whom I work. She and her husband are heavily in debt, due to remodelling their home. Only a few days after starting to say the prayer, her husband received increased pay and she came to my desk and voluntarily gave me this offering."

—East Liverpool, O.

"I carried her relic when I went to take a promotion examination on November 15 and I know that she helped me pass my test."

—Brooklyn.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	2	Employment	2
Financial Aid	3	Apartments	3
Relief in Distress	2	Not Specified	45

PETITIONS

Cures	5	Apartments	5
Financial Aid	8	Relief in Distress	4
Peace in the Home	4	Not Specified	20

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