

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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CARDINAL SPELLMAN AND VOCATIONS

The plea of His Eminence, or one like it, with young people to consider entering the priesthood or the religious life in monastery or convent, should be read and commented upon in every pulpit in the land.

It was always true that "the harvest is great but the laborers are few," but today it is more plainly true than ever. Human needs seem to increase despite the progress made in many fields. A priest nowadays has not only to build and upkeep his church, he must keep a school, a nursery, very often a club-house for his several organizations, and in some cases a playground. Sisters have not only to teach but to qualify for higher education, staff hospitals, and become adept in many forms of social welfare. Young people worship the priesthood and convent life, but to seek either they must overcome difficulties with which prayer only can cope with. Often their chief difficulty is their own modesty, a feeling that they are unfit for such a high calling. The Holy Spirit prompts vocation, but He employs priests and sisters who have knowledge of the calling to foster it.

ALTHOUGH I AM NOT A CATHOLIC

When a man reports a cure of his child in answer to prayer for Tekakwitha's aid, although, as he writes: "I am not a Catholic," it reminds one that Tekakwitha herself was not baptized, nor an instructed believer, until her twentieth year. And that leads one to consider that many who are not Catholics are in good faith, believing in God, in prayer, in right living, but in these days of confusion and perplexity about religion know not where to turn. They do what they think best, and there is an old saying of theologians, that for those who do what they think best, God does not deny His grace. Why not invoke Tekakwitha for those who, as she was so long in darkness, need the light of faith to become real Christians. (See page 22.)

TWO OF KATERI'S DEVOTEES

Glancing over a list of departed souls according to the months in which they left us, one notices that January and February take their numerous toll, and this year these months have taken their toll, among them two ardent devotees of Venerable Tekakwitha, the Reverend Henry J. Nelles, S.J., of Buffalo, and the Reverend Demetrius B. Zema, S.J., of Fordham University. When this V. Postulator for her Cause was observing his fiftieth year of priesthood, Father Nelles had his Sanctuary Society make up for him a set of vestments. As an historian, Father Zema was much interested in the Cabin to be erected at Tekakwitha's birthplace, Auriesville, as a repository for the documents and other memorials of Kateri, which have helped to have her made Venerable.

A FAMILIAR 'IF'

"I asked her to have a party that owed me money to pay me and when I received it I would turn same over to you. I was surprised when I received the enclosed five. When I get the rest I will send it along. ('If.')

—Roxbury, Mass.

A SISTER WROTE

"Do you remember that I staged the 'Life of Tekakwitha' as a request that she pay our debt here of more than thirty-two thousand? It is paid. Now, she will have to build a convent, but I wish she would see fit to move the school and convent to a more convenient and desirable location. We are really in a very undesirable spot. This is a percentage of gifts and earnings on some writing I did."

NEXT MONTH SHE WRITES

"I have already received some hope of getting not only a convent but also a school in a better location—all most unexpectedly."

—Dallas, Tex.

HAPPY ESCAPE AND REWARD

"I was heartsick and frustrated when my only daughter became engaged to marry a man whom we felt would bring her much unhappiness. I made no novenas nor promises, but prayed often through every day to Catherine for help. Six months later my daughter met a fine Catholic man, under most unusual circumstances. Subsequently they fell in love and are now happily married. A few months ago I learned that the first young man was divorced at the time he asked our daughter to marry him."—Los Angeles.

ALTHOUGH NOT A CATHOLIC

"Although I am not a Catholic, I am fulfilling my promise to Little Tekakwitha. A while back a friend of ours gave our small son a picture card of Tekakwitha and a copy of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. Recently he was very ill with a cold. I promised to

make public the answer to my prayers if he were cured. Herewith is my promise fulfilled."

—Kokomo, Ind.

A PRAYER, THEN EUREKA

"Sister had misplaced a very important paper and had looked for it for a whole day; in the evening she told me about it. I started the search. I began to pray to Kateri Tekakwitha and in about fifteen minutes I came across the paper in a box. Then I told Sister that Kateri Tekakwitha had found it; this is why she is having a Mass of thanksgiving said."

—Houma, La.

VOCATIONS

"Some time ago we asked you to pray for good subjects for our Community and promised the Lily of the Mohawks \$1.00 for each subject that would persevere. In thanksgiving please find enclosed a money order in fulfillment of our promise and a grateful thanks to your Reverence for your holy prayers which could not fail touching the heart of the Great High Priest Who keeps full account of years. The dollar bill enclosed is for a silver medal of the Indian Maiden."

—Newburgh, N. Y.

STILL MORE VOCATIONS

"Having admitted sixteen postulants into our novitiate during 1947, I am happy to send you herewith a check as an offering towards the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha. As we greatly feel the need of more subjects to carry on the works of our Institute, especially in our Sacred Heart Province, our little Indian Maiden will have to come to our aid and find us many postulants for our 1948 entrances."

—Seattle, Wash.

"Some time ago I wrote you asking for some literature on the life of Kateri Tekakwitha. We had placed our expected baby under her protection, as I had undergone several operations this past year due to an automobile accident, praying that the baby might

be healthy and perfect physically. If it had been a girl we had promised to name it Kateri; if a boy, we promised to make it known that Kateri had interceded for us and obtained our wish. We had a little boy, born Tuesday, December 9, weighing seven pounds one ounce, and a perfect baby." —Omaha.

HOSANNA

"About two years ago in February—after five years of marriage without a family—my husband and I started a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha. In two months we adopted a baby girl, and we named her Cathryn, of course. Now adopting a baby is not easy, and I believe Venerable Kateri did wonders for us. As we would like to raise more than one child, I started to implore Kateri again this fall. I did not say the novena I have, simply asked her every time I thought of it in my work or on my knees, and this time I promised to make it public if she obtained from our Lord the gift of a child of our own. I am keeping that promise. Please God, our child will arrive in August."—Seattle, Wash.

ONE FAVOR GRANTED, EXPECT ANOTHER

"For about three years I have had trouble with hand and leg on right side. I doctored with it. They tell me there is no cure now, but they are working hard to find one. It is from destroyed blood-cells at base of brain, caused by overwork. It is getting worse, but last summer the thumb on my left hand started to pain and was all crippled. Well, the thought of something wrong with both hands made me really pray. I prayed to Kateri and in a very short time I was well. I retired with thumb crippled and when I arose my thumb was well and still is. So I would like you to say a Mass in thanksgiving and also ask her aid for my right side and that I can find an apartment. We were lucky to get a sublet last July, but we must get out February 1. As I am doctoring with Dr. H. at Medical Center, I want

to stay in New York. Father, will you please send me leaflets with prayer. I want to send them to all my family and friends."

—New York.

FROM FAR-OFF INDIA

"Let me fulfill a promise made to Little Kateri in the event of her helping to put me back on my feet. Several years ago while on the Santal Missions I developed a varicose condition, especially in the left foot, that made walking very painful. Later a vein burst and I was laid up in Holy Family Hospital, Patna City, India, for over a month. Again I had a second siege and the doctors, especially the Medical Missionary Sisters, advised that an operation would alone give permanent cure. For fear of blood clotting they spoke of my return to the U.S.A. where better methods could be used. Naturally after seventeen years in India I was anxious to remain on the missions and through the suggestion of my brother (Reverend Charles J. Scott, S.J.) began a series of novenas to the 'Lily of the Mohawks,' in whose intercession he has great trust. At the end of a month the open wound in the left ankle was completely healed and I have been able to continue work without any inconvenience. I had promised to write you of this in case of a cure. I trust our prayers have been fully answered and I will surely do all I can to get others interested in Kateri's Cause. I say the prayer for her canonization every day after Mass."

—Patna, India.

"Have a Mass said in thanksgiving to Tekakwitha for her intercession in my behalf for the following favors: (1) That I have been able to pay my bills and rent since my brother went to the hospital four years ago. I just got by, but she helped me I know as I interceded when I lost his help and did not know what to do. (2) I was told by the doctor that a condition I had might mean an operation."

—New York.

"Kateri is still doing good things for us."

—Anchorage, Alaska.

"Find enclosed for Kateri Tekakwitha for a favor I have received." —Greensburg, Pa.

"I promised Kateri to acknowledge four favors which she has obtained through her goodness."

—San Antonio, Tex.

"As a promise I made to Kateri some time ago, and thank God, I have received my wish."

—Beardsley, Minn.

"The enclosed is very small in return for Kateri's intercession. Daily prayers seem to guard our family life."—Ozone Park, N. Y.

"Just a short note to tell you my confidence in Little Kateri has not been misplaced. I was granted a favor I wanted very badly."

—Canton, O.

"Again I wish to thank the Lily of the Mohawks through the monthly message for two recent favors she obtained for me."

—Duluth, Minn.

"Please find enclosed offering; use it as you think best for the Cause of dear Venerable Tekakwitha for a specially nice favor granted me."

—Indianapolis.

"I am enclosing a small contribution to her Cause, in appreciation of help she has given me in connection with a health condition, for which I asked her intercession."

—Winchester, Ky.

"Please send me some leaflets to help promote the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha, as I promised I would help spread my faith among my Catholic patients since I have received so many little favors from God through her intercession." —Altoona, Pa.

"I was threatened with a long illness; I immediately had recourse to Kateri; I promised to send this for her Cause. My prayers were heard within a very short period, and I was able to resume my numerous duties. I am grateful to her and find her very comforting to pray to."

—Baltimore.

"T. M. F.—child saved from ruptured appendix. Doctor had done all he could. Left it up to God and I prayed and pinned the picture of Catherine by her bed in hospital, kept medal on child, and never gave up. She is a big girl now.

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Financial Aid	4	Not Specified	15

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 Most Rev. Francis J. Magner, Marquette, Mich.
 Rev. Demetrius B. Zema, S.J., New York, N. Y.
 Rev. Henry Nelles, S.J., Buffalo, N. Y.
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