

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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THE ANNIVERSARY

On April 17, Tekakwitha departed this life, in the fragrance of holiness. Her departure was quite an event in the Christian Indian village. The missionaries treated her when dying, as they had always done, as one of God's elect, and signs are, ever since, that they were not wrong. The fixing of the date in our time we owe to a celebrated Paulist, Father Searle, an astronomer, who considered his task a labor of love. In God's good time we hope to be celebrating her Feast on that day.

A ROSARY BY AIR TO IRELAND

Sending a Rosary to Ireland is like sending a lump of coal to Newcastle, or an orange to Florida; but one was sent there as a Patrick's Day gift this year. It is a Tekakwitha Rosary, too, and this is how it happened:

Shut-in is a poor word for one who is confined to a wheel-chair, or unable to move about freely outside the home; for, as a rule, if the body is disabled, the mind has its freedom and its flights of wisdom which others never know. As everywhere else, there is one such in Ireland, a devotee of Tekakwitha. Recently she requested a Rosary with a medal of Tekakwitha joining the decades. For this our medal would have to be pierced, and a one-time government assayist, now a prominent jeweler, said this could not be done; the medal would have to be soldered on to the chains. This would spoil the gift. Another devotee of Tekakwitha asked for an awl and soon the medal was on the Rosary of pearl, and a fine ornament it makes. Engraved on the back of the Cross is TEKAKWITHA and on the arms, PATRICIA, the name of the young devotee. Recently her father took her down to Lourdes. She was so entranced, he is to take her there again, and in her mind is the canonization of Tekakwitha and the welfare of all who are working and praying for her Cause. Tekakwitha loved the Rosary; her image looks quite in place with the beads she used to tell so lovingly.

THE TEKAKWITHA STATUE

The statue of Tekakwitha is now ready. As THE statue we speak of it because until now there has been no statue of her worth recommending. Those so far available have been too gross, five or six feet in height, or un-Indianlike, or poorly colored. This one is little over three feet high. It is modelled on the lithograph picture by Reverend Mother Nealis, which is so popular. It is hoped that a description of it and trade arrangement will be ready for our next issue.

THE TEKAKWITHA CABIN

Wandering through suburban places, one of the pleasant sounds to hear used to be that of the carpenter's hammer as he erected a frame building, house or barn, but nowadays one misses this as one misses the trip-hammer on the steel of the rising skyscraper in the cities. It has become a matter for prayer these days to have even a simple structure fashioned, and through prayer we expect that during this month an earnest effort will be made to erect the Tekakwitha Cabin, and have it ready for this summer's pilgrimages.

FOR THE ABSENT ONES

"My husband is on the U. S. S. Midway and there was an accident that happened in France involving it. Through Tekakwitha's prayers I think he is safe now. In thanks for his safety we are sending this for the favor and other favors she has obtained."

—Port Arthur, Tex.

PRECIOUS KEEPSAKE — PRECIOUS FAVOR

"I am sending my keepsake which I promised Kateri Tekakwitha for helping us get the flat we were promised last October. Many thanks to her, and I promise to continue to ask her help in all our problems, and do what I can for the benefit of her Cause in return."

—Buffalo.

AGAIN

"Awhile back I told you I was asking Venerable Kateri to find an apartment for my nephew, who is still in the Army and has a six-month-old baby. In less than a week he found a very nice place, and moderately priced. My brother, R. D., passed away on February 6; would you please remember him in your Mass?"

—Redondo Beach, Cal.

A RECOVERY, INDEED

"Please find in this envelope a money order for a High Mass for my son, who is recovering his health. Last winter he was on the danger list a few weeks. My friend told me to pray to Kateri and have Mass offered if he recovered. Today he is able to work after school and weighs 150 pounds. When he got out of the hospital he weighed only 97 pounds. So I thank God and Kateri."

—Woonsocket, R. I.

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE

"From the very first time we said the prayer to Tekakwitha we have been blessed in many ways. A few weeks ago my husband received an assignment in his work that looked as if it might not go over. I said let's make an offering to Kateri; his answer was, you cannot expect the impossible. He has returned from the assignment and here is a check to use in any way to help her Cause. You see nothing is impossible when you ask her."

—Essex, Md.

REVIVING PLEASANT MEMORIES

"I've had a very sick daughter and feel that our prayers, plus the use of the relic of Tekakwitha, which you gave to my father, Dr. L., about fifteen years ago, when my sister's boys were so critically ill here, helped speed a remarkable recovery. My sister cherishes this possession, and many of our friends here learned of Tekakwitha because of it. May you have great success in all of your worthy undertakings."

—Easton, Pa.

A PROMISE KEPT

"The Wednesday morning I received your appeal for help in building a cabin in honor of Tekakwitha I got up very ill, and had an appointment for Saturday that I wanted very much to keep, so when I read your appeal I said a prayer to the Lily of the Mohawks and promised that if I was well enough by Saturday to keep my appointment I would send you fifty dollars that had been given to me for Christmas; so here it is."

—Pittsburgh.

A PROMOTER REWARDED

"I am enclosing what I received as a donation to Venerable Tekakwitha from a client for a wish she has received. During the past ten years, I have spoken to many people about her, giving them her prayer and leaflet, asking them to pray to her, that they, too, may have their prayers answered as others have. There are six people who told me they had their wishes granted after praying for help to her. I, too, have had many favors granted."

—Bronx, N. Y.

FROM A NOTABLE LOCALITY

"I promised to write if Catherine would help me. For six years I have had a breaking-out, and doctor after doctor could not help me. I even consulted specialists and all they could do was relieve me. It irritated constantly and where I would touch it, it would leave large brown spots all over my body. I finally started praying to Catherine and within two weeks' time I stopped breaking-out. Six months has now elapsed and I have not had a recurrence. All my thanks and prayers for Catherine."

—Independence, Mo.

MORE THAN INTERESTED

"You will probably be interested in the following facts: On Wednesday, February 18, I was informed that an operation would be necessary. On Saturday night, February 12, I began applying the relic of Venerable Katherine Tekakwitha, enclosed in the metal-and-glass container which you sent me some time ago, and saying the prayer in the hope of averting the operation (which would have meant four weeks in the hospital). This morning, February 25, I was informed that the operation will not be necessary. I am convinced that the averting of the operation is due to the intercession of Venerable Katherine Tekakwitha. If further details are needed, together with any medical terms, I shall be glad to write to you further. I en-

close herewith a donation to the Cause of Kateri's beatification." —Philadelphia.

ALL THE WORLD OVER

"Whilst I was a resident of Bombay, I had an occasion about ten years ago to read the life of this holy maid, and have ever since been invoking her aid in spiritual and temporal matters. I have no special favors from her to report, but I am sure that during my long illness since 1943 she must have come to my aid. On two or three occasions during the course of my illness I passed through serious crises, but I have escaped death, though at present I am not yet able to go about, even to the church two furlongs away. I must also have received spiritual favors, but these are not easily discernible. We have also some Indian Servants of God like Reverendus Father Joseph Vaz, a 17th century oratorian; Agnelle D'Souza, and Sister Alphonsa, for whose beatification many of us are praying. In this country of four hundred million people only about seven million are Christians, which number includes Protestants also. Their beatification will undoubtedly help the propagation of our faith in this land. Sister Alphonsa, a hitherto unknown Claret nun, died a few months ago, but several cures have been reported at her grave and people, Christians and non-Christians, daily visit her grave in large numbers."

—Lower Bendore, P.O. Kankanady, Mangalore, India.

"Prayed for the help to pay up a mortgage and received every cent. Child—M. G. F.—received recovery from a weak stomach and high fever. Myself the cure of an ulcer. I prayed for son in service and he was saved from going overseas."—Little Marais, Minn.

"Favors received through her intercession have been many in our family."

—Tulsa, Okla.

"Enclosed is for promise I made to Kateri if she would help me make a sale of real estate. She made the sale for me."

—Chicago.

"I feel quite confident that I have received strength and inspiration in my devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha." —Bloomfield, Conn.

"Mother M. Gertrude, of the Good Shepherd here, has much devotion to this little saintly maiden. She attributes her success in obtaining their new grounds at Fox Chase and subsequent funds to her intercession."

—Philadelphia.

"Enclosed you will find something to show our appreciation to Venerable Tekakwitha for helping us obtain our quota in soliciting ads and patrons for the annual Card Party."

—Chicago.

"Thank you very much for the Katherine Tekakwitha souvenirs received this morning. I am sure our little friend, 'Patricia Carolyn Katherine Tekakwitha Paynter' will be delighted with them."

—San Francisco.

"Please accept this little offering in honor of Venerable Kateri for favors granted that I let go by unnoticed. I will try and do better after I am working. God bless our little Kateri."

—Covina, Cal.

"We still pray to Kateri and I'm sure her intercession brought about my sister's recov-

ery from a very serious operation soon after our mother's death. We shall not forget Kateri's Cause for canonization." —Baltimore.

"Some weeks ago I wrote and asked the Lily of the Mohawks to intercede to Our Lord for some improvement in the condition of my mother. I am happy to say that they removed her cast and now we are asking that she will walk very soon."

—Detroit.

"I wish to announce that through the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha a favor asked of her Sunday morning was obtained the same night. I also, dear Father, wish to spread the devotion to Tekakwitha among her friends and mine by presenting them with novenas to her."

—San Antonio.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	2	Sale of Property	1
Financial Aid	3	Relief in Distress	2
Employment	1	Not Specified	27

PETITIONS

Cures	5	Apartments	5
Financial Aid	4	Not Specified	20

Obituary

Rt. Rev. L. D. Robert, Fall River, Mass.
 Mrs. A. F. J. Remy, New York, N. Y.
 Mrs. Margaret Nannion, Baltimore, Md.
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