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THE MOHAWKS

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VENERABLE TEKAKWITHA'S STATUE AT AURIESVILLE

The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, in her new statue form, has gone to her birthplace, Martyrs' Hill, Auriesville, New York. In the same form, she has gone to the Sault, Canada, West of Montreal, where the design for her statue was conceived and lithographed. Soon a replica of this image of her will be on its way to the Tekakwitha Friary at Fonda, New York, the place of her baptism.

By birth she belongs in all three places — at Auriesville by her natural birth; at Fonda by her supernatural birth in the Sacrament of Baptism; and in Canada by her entrance into everlasting life at Caughnawaga, across the St. Lawrence, opposite Montreal.

When alive her holiness shed its influence in all three places. At this long interval since her death, nearly 270 years, this memorial of her will revive the same influence and realize what the Church has meant by pronouncing her Venerable.

There is already a statue of Venerable Tekakwitha at Auriesville. It has been there many years. It is at the entrance to the Shrine grounds, along with statues of the Martyrs, Jogues, Goupil and Lalande. It represents Kateri as a princess by her garb, since she was the daughter of an Iroquois Chieftain, and on his death, adopted by her uncle, another Chieftain of the same tribe. At the entrance she is like a guardian to the holy Martyrs' Hill.

Now she is to be where she really belongs, in a prominent position on the site of the Mohawk village which was palisaded, or fortified, as a refuge in case of attack during war. When we say she was born at Auriesville we do not mean she was actually born within this fortress. In peace times the Mohawks scattered their cabins outside their palisade and took refuge in it only when attacked. Still it was considered their common home, and that is why we say that with her statue on the site of this palisade, Tekakwitha is now where she belongs.

The statues at Auriesville differ, as they should, from one another: the one at the entrance is in the civil costume of her rank; the one on the Hill in an Indian Maiden's ordinary dress; but this difference is not very remarkable. The remarkable difference is in the expression of the countenance and in the attitude of the figure. The self-assurance and boldness of posture that become a princess are manifest in the statue at the entrance; the simplicity and the spiritual yearning for things heavenly strike one as characteristic of the statue adorning Martyrs' Hill.

This statue will be reproduced. It is admirably suited for church and school lawns, and for meeting halls. Until Servants of God are canonized it is not usual to display their statues in churches, although it is permissible; without the aureola, or gilt crown. Their images may be represented in stained glass windows, or in a painted altar piece, in the case of the Blessed.

It will create a sensation when Tekakwitha will be canonized and this statue will appear in our sanctuaries, nothing ever like it before. The artist is carving it in smaller sizes for homes.

HOW THE WORD GOES ROUND

"About two years ago a friend of mine, Superior of the Servants of Mary, Wheeling, Ill., told me about Tekakwitha, and through her I joined the League. I have asked her aid in some instances and received help."

—Chicago.

IT'S NO SMALL WAY

"She has always been quick to come to my aid, and so I hope to repay her generosity in my own small way by praying for her canonization and doing my best to help you in any financial way that I can."—Cincinnati.

A PRECIOUS FRIENDSHIP

"I am an old friend of Little Catherine, but I have neglected her very much these past few months. Looking back to our request of October, 1947, to sell our home, I am happy to say that again she helped us and obtained that great favor for us. We are enclosing a check for Kateri's Cause in thanking for this favor."—St. Petersburg, Fla.

FORTY MILES TO MASS

"In thanksgiving to Venerable Kateri for favors received and for her intercession in this particular favor, so they would come to agreement in my husband's favor; also that we could purchase a better or more dependable car to get to church as we travel forty miles to our parish church."

—Union Mills, Ind.

QUICK RELIEF

"I promised Kateri Tekakwitha this morning that if my mother got relief from a very severe headache, I would acknowledge it today. Thank God, through the intercession of dear little Kateri she got wonderful relief within a few hours. This is but one of many favors we have received through her intercession."

—Philadelphia.

WONDERFUL, INDEED

"Please accept this small offering to the great work you are doing in forwarding Tekakwitha League. I have received some wonderful favors through her recently. One I

am most grateful for through her intercession was a tumor I had removed from my neck, and the doctors feared it might be malignant; through prayers to her for health I was informed that there was nothing of any serious nature wrong with me."

—Pasadena, Cal.

NO SMALL FAVOR

"I developed rheumatism, or arthritis, in both my hands, and it was particularly bad in the right one. I was quite frantic, as I am a secretary at present, and naturally my work depends on the use of my hands. I prayed to Little Katherine, promising a certain amount if she helped me. The trouble disappeared in a short time and I have had no difficulty since then. The remainder of my pledge will follow soon, a 'thank you' to Little Katherine for her prompt response to my plea!"

—Cleveland.

BY KATERI'S AND MEDICAL SKILL

"My nephew's baby was born June 13, 1947, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Wash. It was a breech birth, and the doctors said the baby would not live, and if he did he would never walk. They had several doctors called in, among them, two specialists. I wrote to you at the time, received medals, leaflets. I have always had great faith in Tekakwitha. We pinned a medal on each leg, made novenas and had Masses said, when they decided to take him to another specialist, and he decided to call in another, one of the original specialists; he was astounded when he saw the baby, he could not believe it—he said, 'It's a miracle.' They both decided on putting casts on both legs and now the baby can pull himself up in his play-pen. After these casts come off they will put a light one on both feet. We are all so thankful and happy, and I know it was with God's help and of Venerable Catherine Tekakwitha that this came about."

—Butte, Mont.

A WINTER WITHOUT ILLNESS

"We enjoy very much receiving THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. Congratulations on the fine work. We have developed a strong devotion to Catherine among our pupils here at the school. We have a hundred children in residence, mostly of the Kootenay and Okanagan tribes. In December of last year we placed our school under the special protection of Catherine, asking, that we be protected during the winter months from contagious diseases which are usually so prevalent in an institution of this nature. We are very happy to say that for the first time in the history of the school we have passed the whole winter without one case of sickness. This is most remarkable and we are indeed indebted to Our Little Friend for her kind protection. We promised to have this fact published and our little donation to the Cause was given by our children from what they received from their parents. We are very thankful for this manifestation of her kindness to those of her own race. At present we have a patient in the T.B. hospital who is very seriously ill and for whom the doctors can do little. We are saying a prayer for the canonization of Catherine every morning after Mass and begging her if it be God's Will that our little girl be restored to good health. It is wonderful to see the confidence and faith which these children have in her intercession and they have no doubts whatever but that she will cure this case. I sincerely hope it comes true. We wish to recommend this little girl, whose name is Annie John, to the good prayers of all Catherine's devotees."

—Kootenay Indian School,
Cranbrook, B. C., Canada.

ONE AFTER ANOTHER

"Again I have good news of the powers of Venerable Tekakwitha. Last week I called on a young woman who was very sick. I gave her a picture of Venerable Tekakwitha with the prayer and told her about the people

in her neighborhood who had received help through prayer to Venerable Tekakwitha. A few days later her father told me that his daughter wanted to see me. I called at her home and she said since praying to Venerable Tekakwitha she has gained in strength every day and is now on the road to recovery. This same week her mother was informed by her dentist that it would be necessary to have all her teeth pulled out due to infection. She decided as Venerable Tekakwitha helped her daughter she would also pray for help. In standing the ordeal, however, while praying to Venerable Tekakwitha the thought came to her to try another dentist, which she did. He said it would not be necessary to pull all her teeth as only two were in need of pulling. The two teeth were abstracted and he said, due to the teeth being infected, she would have a great deal of pain that night, but thanks again to Tekakwitha she slept soundly and had no pain. Her husband said to me, I cannot believe it that anyone could get their prayers answered so quickly; believe me she is wonderful; I am going to pray to her now, because you know my daughter was very sick and had us all worried due to her prolonged illness, and then my wife; I could not believe it was possible."

—New York.

"I like to think I am a promoter for Kateri, but she is really her own promoter. My petition for my fellow worker was granted in less than a week. My little friend is walking around with shining eyes because now she can plan to be married since she got her apartment."

—New York.

"I am enclosing a donation in part thanks for the help Venerable Tekakwitha has given me during my recent operation. I know beyond doubt that I could not have endured the pain connected with a spinal disc removal if it were not for her help."

—Lyndhurst, N. J.

"We are enclosing a check in thanksgiving for sales made through her intercession."

—St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Third installment of a promise if a position was obtained. It was at a good salary."

—Highland, Md.

"I have prayed to her constantly and have not been disappointed in her reaction. I am sure she prays to God for me, and I am most grateful."

—New York.

"Enclosed please find an offering towards the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha for a financial favor received through her."

—Spring Hill, Ala.

"I promised Tekakwitha I would send a donation to you if an airplane was sold—she answered our prayer and I am enclosing my check."

—Wilmington.

"Enclosed is a check for the Cause of Tekakwitha, for answering my prayer, for the selling of my home. I am most grateful and will pray earnestly for her canonization."

—Chicago.

"This offering is in thanksgiving for Catherine's help in finding employment recently. She is very gracious in such matters. This is the second time she has heard such prayers."

—Long Beach, Cal.

"Some time ago I received my lovely picture for which I thank you very much. Tekakwitha has proved a true and trusted friend to me, repeatedly has come to my aid in sickness and personal matters."

—New Orleans.

"I have recently received a very fine favor through the 'Lily of the Mohawks.' I have a son, a freshman at Georgetown Law School, and through her intercession he passed his midterm exams with a 'B' average."

—Buffalo.

"This dollar is very small, but I shall send in a remembrance in a short time. I feel that Tekakwitha has helped plenty. My daughter-in-law will receive her First Communion and be Confirmed the same day. She will be baptized this week."

—Chicago.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	3	Relief in Distress	4
Financial Aid	6	Examination Success	3
Employment	2	Not Specified	29

PETITIONS

Cures	4	Apartments	5
Financial Aid	6	Not Specified	20

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Sister M. Agatha Blakley, Georgetown, Ky.
Frieda E. Dorn, Cleveland, O.
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