

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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KATERI AND THE SOUL OF THE CHURCH

The Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha was baptized late in her young life. This does not mean that she grew up a pagan or un-Christian. It is a mistake to speak of her becoming converted. Her mother saw to it that from her infancy she belonged to the soul of the Church. Although there were no missionaries at hand to baptize her, and the few Christian Indians held captive by the Iroquois could neither sufficiently instruct her nor confer the Sacrament of Baptism, she loved "the Prayer" as our Faith was called, she believed in the Presence of God, and, when she could, she took part in Catholic devotional services.

She is a signal instance of the adage: "From those who do what is in their power to do, God does not withhold His grace." Like her today, and it was always true, there are millions who belong to the soul of the Church, who would openly seek its membership, but are kept aloof and perplexed by prejudices and misrepresentations so confusing that they know not where to turn. They are not responsible for not professing Catholicity, but those who persist in smearing the Church of Christ are responsible and they will pay dearly for it. To quote a famous saying: "The human soul is by its nature Christian," and the only true Christian is the Catholic Christian.

THE TEKAKWITHA STATUE

The statue of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha will be reproduced in cement, for outdoors; in composition, ivory finish, for indoors. The prices will be as follows:

	<i>In Cement</i>	<i>In Composition</i>
Large Size, 36 inches	\$50.00	\$15.00
18 "	30.00	5.00
13 "	20.00	3.50

There will be an additional charge for crate and freight.

VARIETY OF FAVORS

"Several months ago I started to pray to Kateri to help my fiance become a better Catholic. Three weeks before Easter, I asked him to make his Easter duty, but with no results. After praying to Kateri for help, he went to Confession and Communion a few days before Easter, and I know it was Kateri who did it."

—New Orleans.

EXTRAORDINARY

"Twenty months ago I promised to send \$10.00 monthly for twenty months in honor of Tekakwitha for special favors granted to me and my babies. June is the end of that time, but I promise to continue each month as long as I can, in thanksgiving for daily blessing received through her intercession. My daily request is the welfare of my babies as I have placed them under her protection."

—Syracuse, N. Y.

A PLEASANT OUTCOME

"I am enclosing a check which I promised to send to Venerable Tekakwitha if she could help us to sell our home, and get another one in a particular neighborhood, which she did. She has also helped us in time of sickness when an operation seemed necessary, and also after an automobile accident when we escaped with only minor injuries."

—Quincy, Mass.

NO REASON FOR WORRY

"Our bazaar, which had been placed under the protection of our dear saintly Tekakwitha, was a most extraordinary success, exceeding our keenest expectations, clearing \$15,000. Though it threatened rain, and really did rain heavy showers in neighboring towns, the day was a most desirable one. The crowd was enormous, but all passed off smoothly and pleasantly. We consider the outcome 'a miracle.' Kindly accept our little offering for Tekakwitha's Cause." —Ferdinand, Ind.

REALLY REMARKABLE

"Enclosed you will find an offering as a remembrance for the help I've received all along from Catherine Tekakwitha. Ever since my operation I had to give up work, and finances have always been low, due to my husband's poor position. However, every time I pray to Catherine in emergencies, it seems God sends us unexpected help, even to winning money on a chance, that helped me pay for a doctor's visit and the prescription. It seems little, I know, but when you are in great need, and cannot even meet a small bill, and pray for assistance, then acknowledgment is still in store. God has been good to us, and through Catherine's help I've never been embarrassed yet in delaying a bill. I want to thank you again for your help with your prayers all along, too. God bless you, and your work."

—Philadelphia.

"I had loaned my precious medal to a very sick little boy who for weeks could not have his temperature reduced. He only wore it one night, and the fever started downwards and ten days later he was back at school. They thought he was developing rheumatic fever after a tonsil operation. His mother immediately got books on our little Indian Princess and is spreading her devotion.

"Now for the biggest story! A Mrs. E., whose son had a very bad leg (could not walk without extreme difficulty), and had constant pain in it, had listened to me telling Mrs. B. about Tekakwitha, so later that day asked me if I would write down the name for her. I did, as I knew she was very worried. When she went home that night, her son had been to the Navy Hospital and had been told he would have to undergo an operation on his leg; and he said to his mother that he couldn't suffer any more than he had, so he was to report to the hospital the next day. She got down on her knees, clutching the scrap of paper with Tekakwitha's name on it, and said, 'Little Tekakwitha, Mrs. C.

said you'd help me pray for Walt (her son) and you'd help relieve his pain.' Next day she phoned me at work, and told me that at eight o'clock that evening, he walked down the steps and said: 'Mom, the pain has gone. I can't understand it. I don't feel a thing.' A day or two later, he ran down the steps, the first time for three or four years, so you can imagine why Mrs. E. tells everyone about Tekakwitha." —Wernersville, Pa.

SISTER AGATHA'S MUSEUM

"Among Sister Agatha's few worldly effects I have found evidences of great devotion to Kateri, and I hasten to beg your intercession to the little Indian Maiden for the repose of Sister's soul. Her love for Kateri was genuine and boundless, and I am sure she is happy to be her contemporary in the spiritual world. Sister Agatha's death was sudden and unexpected following an operation on the Feast of Corpus Christi. She was apparently making a fine recovery but a relapse brought her life to a close very early on Saturday morning, May 29. I wish that you might see the Tekakwitha Room here at Lardome. It is the result of Sister Agatha's promise to Kateri in return for her assistance in a financial need of the school a few years ago. The room is a collection of Indian souvenirs from everywhere, only a few of which are genuine, but all loving tributes, tacked, tucked or tied in a most unique manner, with no concern for artistic effect. That has, however, been achieved by the very simplicity and atmosphere of the room. To Sister Agatha and her pupils everything in it bespoke her love for the Indians and Kateri as their patroness; to me, everything in it now brings Sister Agatha to mind. It has indeed become a shrine. While I request your prayers for Sister Agatha, and assistance for me in bearing my cross, I shall always feel confident of her prayers in behalf of Kateri's canonization."—Lardome, Georgetown, Ky.

SHEILA'S CASE A WONDER

"Last November Sheila, who was just nine years old, was taken gravely ill and put in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for three weeks. Her illness was not correctly diagnosed and on December 1 she was taken to University Hospital. The diagnosis was meningitis, septicemia (blood poisoning) and an acute endocarditis. Any one of these was fatal up until penicillum. She was doing fine for several weeks until the infected heart sent a blood clot to the brain on December 13. She had an unsuccessful brain operation and was declared unable to live for long. She was in a coma for three weeks, unable to see or speak. Her whole left side completely paralyzed. After this time she started to improve and in February of this year we brought her home. She suffered severe head pains, nausea, and vomiting until April 17 when they suddenly stopped. This was the last day of our novena to Kateri. During the week preceding this her agony was heartrending and we were about to allow another brain operation to remove dead tissue and for exploration, much against our will as there wasn't too great a chance she could survive another operation, also there was the danger of loss of mentality. But it was unnecessary as Sheila's condition was greatly improved and she no longer has headaches where she would go into a comatose condition. We feel so very sure the little Indian girl has helped her and we are going to say another novena to Kateri starting August 7. I am also praying for the opportunity to some day bring her to the shrine in New York." —Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Enclosed you will find a small donation in thanksgiving for favor I received through Venerable Kateri. It concerned my son's arm. We thought amputation would be necessary, but it seems to be healing nicely, thanks to Venerable Kateri."

—Wilkinsburg, Pa.

"This money is for the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for some property settlement." —West Lynn, Mass.

"This donation is in payment of a promise for a granted favor in the sale of some property. Thanks to little Kateri."—Canton, O.

"I prayed for one year to Catherine Tekakwitha for money that was left us which I never expected to get. I know my prayers were answered." —Saginaw, Mich.

"Some time ago I asked you to pray to Kateri to help my sister find a position. Many thanks to Kateri, your prayers were answered in a short time after I wrote you."—Chicago.

"Enclosed please find an offering in honor of Kateri for another favor received. She is wonderful, she has helped me out so much I couldn't live without her help."

—Niagara, Wis.

"Through the intercession of the Lily of the Mohawks, a mother of two small children was able to leave the hospital and care for her little children."—Wilmington, Del.

"I am enclosing a money order which I promised the Lily of the Mohawks for a financial favor which I received very quickly. Katherine has obtained for me many favors."

—San Antonio, Tex.

"I am ashamed to say I've waited this long to acknowledge a great favor obtained by

our dear Kateri. My son passed all his junior studies and I am so very happy and grateful as he found Spanish and chemistry difficult. So as usual we never fail if we just have confidence."

—Seattle, Wash.

"One of the ladies in this home was taken with a hemorrhage of the nose and bled profusely from two o'clock until about five. All the remedies were applied, but to no avail. I then applied a relic of little Kateri to the forehead of the patient and in ten minutes the blood stopped."

—New York.

"Inclosed find a small donation for the favors I received praying to Catherine Tekakwitha. My niece gave me a leaflet while I was ill, and I started praying and it just seemed to help me recover sooner than expected, and I have been praying for many other favors that have been granted."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	2	Employment	2
Financial Aid	6	Relief in Distress	4
Spiritual	1	Not Specified	39

PETITIONS

Cures	8	Relief in Distress	6
Financial Aid	10	Spiritual	3
Apartment	5	Not Specified	20

Obituary

Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Springfield, Ill.
Rev. John J. West, New Brunswick, N. J.
Rev. Thomas F. O'Donnell, Jersey City, N. J.
Miss Mary Laywell, Cincinnati, O.

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