

THE LILY OF

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THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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Greetings

Christmas, 1948. and New Year, 1949

The V. Postulator for the canonization of the Venerable Tekakwitha and his assistants wish the readers of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

REPORTING CURES CONSIDERED INCURABLE

A form for reporting cures of ailments which doctors have considered incurable is inserted in this issue of THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. It is very simple and quite easy to fill out.

Too often we receive word about cures on incurable cases without the necessary details for reporting them to Rome to learn if they are worthy of further investigation — the nature of the ailment, the name, or names, of the physicians concerned and their addresses, the manner of invoking Tekakwitha, suddenness of the cure, present condition of the patient, etc., whereas we should know all these in order to report the apparent miracle to the Postulator in Rome to know if he considers it worthy of further investigation; to learn if it be one of the miracles obtained to bring about the canonization of Venerable Tekakwitha.

The report should be made promptly, while evidence of the ailment is available, and witnesses can be duly examined.

WELCOME GIFT

From a devotee of Venerable Tekakwitha in the Far West we have received two pieces of Indian work, a purse and a sash. The sash was made by a Sioux Indian of the Sisseton Indian Reservation, Sisseton, South Dakota. Name of the Indian School is Tekakwitha Indian Orphanage. The beadwork, however, was made by an experienced Indian who knew the art of beadwork well as you can tell by the work. The purse was made by the Sioux Indians of St. Michael's Mission, North Dakota. Reverend Father Ildephonse is the Pastor of this Indian Mission. The Grey Nuns teach the Indian children.

The Sioux, by the way, are the Indians who helped to start missions among the Indians in this country. It happened that some Iroquois found their way out to the Sioux and persuaded them to make two journeys to St. Louis to beg for missionaries and succeeded in getting the great Father de Smet to go back with them. These gifts will ornament the Tekakwitha Cabin at Auriesville.

FOR ALL SCHOOLS TO COPY

Recently the grade pupils of three schools in Chicago have sent for leaflets and pictures of Venerable Tekakwitha: St. Columbkil's Commercial, St. Priscilla's and St. Patrick's.

CORRECT

"Many, many wonderful favors have been granted us through her intercession. A few of which we have not received, we feel, are showing us that God only gives to us what is best for our physical and spiritual welfare."

—Paul Spur, Ariz.

RELIEF FROM A COMPLICATION

"Recently we loaned the true relic (that you sent last February) to a religious, who had an impending gall-bladder operation. When the X-rays were taken, an ulcer was found which prevented an operation as the danger was too great. She was put on a diet and after several weeks in the hospital she is now back to her duties as a nurse in an orphanage in our diocese. She gives credit to Kateri's relic in giving the help and strength for recovery. We are truly grateful for your special kindness in sending this relic."

—Providence.

VARIETY

"Enclosed please find offering which I promised for the Cause of Venerable Katherine Tekakwitha for favors received, that one of our tenants would find a nice home near church and school, that my niece and her husband moved in with us, and for the sale of store and tank."

—Cincinnati.

LAST LINE — WORTHY OBJECT OF PRAYER

"As usual we have received so many favors from little Kateri. To mention just two, both of our boys have been accepted in fine Catholic graduate schools; one will study medicine and the other law. Over a year ago a priest friend visited the place in Canada where Tekakwitha lived and sent a medal to me from there. I gave it to one son since he wished to study medicine and we wanted him to get his training in a Catholic school. As you know Catholic medical schools are few and the applicants many, but out of 120 ac-

cepted in several thousand his application was among the first to be approved. Please pray both sons will develop into good men and that they will use their education in part to help others and justify their existence."

—Kansas City, Mo.

SO LIKE THE GOSPEL PARABLE

"A short time ago I lost a sum of money. After searching the house for a week, and not finding it, I implored the aid of Catherine Tekakwitha. The second day of the novena I found my money, and I am sure it was through her intercession, as she has helped me many times before."

—Fairmont, Minn.

FAVORS DIFFERING IN KIND

"Enclosed find offering towards the Cause of little Kateri in thanksgiving for the receiving of payment of old debts from unexpected sources. I promised publication of this favor and also that of a cure of a mental case. The person is now well and able to continue her work."

—Wellesley Hills, Mass.

SAINTS AND DOCTORS WORK TOGETHER

"I truly believe it was through Venerable Tekakwitha's intercession that we were successful in locating the famous orthopedic surgeon who is caring for my sister. I have asked Kateri's help during the many minor crises that have accompanied my sister's injuries and have promised to send you a small offering each month in appreciation."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

SOMETHING WORTHY OF GRATITUDE

"This is to let you know that I was operated on August 11, 1948, for a tumor on the breast. They thought that perhaps they had to remove the breast. I made a novena to Venerable Kateri, so that they would not have to and I am happy to say that it was not as serious as they thought it was."

—North Attleboro, Mass.

DESERVING SYMPATHY

"Herewith enclosed you will find check to help out with the expense of the Cause in Rome and also building expense. I would like to do more, but since the war I have had no work, and I'm seventy years old, and with the high cost of living, it makes it rather hard for some of us to meet expenses. I have received many favors from the dear Tekakwitha, and whenever I can I will be glad to contribute to a good Cause."

—Mankato, Minn.

A HAPPY ESCAPE

"A few weeks ago our little girl had her third attack of virus in a little over two months and her fever was so high each time that finally the doctor said it might be best to have a blood count taken as it looked and acted like rheumatic fever. We prayed to Tekakwitha that it would not be and I promised to send ten dollars to help meet the expense of her Cause. I am enclosing a check as happily our prayers were answered and our little girl is fine now."

—Hartford.

AND THE LAST RITES HELPED

"My husband had an accident in the factory and had his right arm badly cut so that the muscles, nerves and arteries were severely severed. As a result, his right arm was amputated seven inches below the shoulder. He was very ill with a temperature of 106 degrees after the operation. He received the last rites of the Church. I prayed hard, especially to Kateri Tekakwitha, to spare my husband's life. He is coming along very well and in thanksgiving I am sending offering to further her Cause."—Carteret, N. J.

BY LAND AND SEA

"Enclosed find offering which I promised to send for favors granted through prayers to the Lily of the Mohawks. The favors I ask of her sometimes seem almost impossible, but she always comes through. My aunt was

sick several weeks ago and knowing the wonderful things Kateri does, I gave my uncle my 'Lily of the Mohawks' medal and in three days' time my aunt was out of the hospital and walking around. The other favor I asked was for the protection of my father's skiff which was not tied securely to the wharf, and at the time we were expecting a hurricane. The following day when my father went to the camp his skiff was near the highway — it had broken loose, but received only minor damages." —New Orleans, La.

ALL SORTS

"Enclosed is an offering for the Cause of Tekakwitha. Again she has answered my petition for the cure of a stomach trouble. I am ninety per cent. better, and hope to be one hundred per cent. better soon. Venerable Kateri has helped me many times. One that is very anxious to see her canonized."

—Methuen, Mass.

"Enclosed is in thanksgiving to Kateri Tekakwitha for having passed my final examinations in college at the end of the summer session."

—San Antonio.

"In gratitude to your little 'Indian' we are sending a little offering, part of our 'raise,' which I feel she helped us get."

—Champaign, Ill.

"My prayers in regard to my husband's work were answered. Please accept enclosed with my grateful thanks." —New Orleans.

"I want to make this small donation in thanksgiving for the many favors granted me. Father, I hope many more will know the comfort that I've received from my prayers to the Venerable." —New Orleans.

"Recently I received a pay check that I had forgotten was due me. Since it came so unexpected, I decided to share at least five dollars with the Venerable for her canonization."

—Latonia, Ky.

"Catherine Tekakwitha has helped many of our patients to recover from serious illness with the silk applied relic pictures."

—Columbus, O.

"Enclosed a small donation for favors received, one an extraction of a tooth painlessly and another the recovery of health of my son and husband."

—Altoona, Pa.

"Enclosing a stipend for a Mass to be said for the canonization of the Venerable Tekakwitha. This was promised if special favor were granted."

—Ottumwa, Ia.

"I enclose our check as a thanksgiving offering for the innumerable favors received through the intercession of Tekakwitha. She answers all our prayers so promptly."

—San Francisco.

"Enclosed please find a small offering which was promised to Catherine Tekakwitha for making me well in a very short time. She has helped all of my family many times."

—Rockaway Beach, N. Y.

"I made a promise I would send \$5.00 if my prayers were answered when I appealed to Tekakwitha when in great need of help. My prayers were answered—I pray to her daily."

—Lake Geneva, Wis.

"Our family was evicted from our home, but we all prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha. She helped us to get a home and I wish to help her by enclosing this. This is a thanks offering!"

—Wilksburg, Pa.

"I have been thinking of sending you some money for the Tekakwitha Shrine. I have great confidence in her, don't always get what I ask for, but it turns out to be for the best."

—Fort Madison, Ia.

"Enclosed please find an offering for several favors received from the Lily of the Mohawks. I promised publication if I would not have to wear an iron brace on my leg after the cast was removed."

—Church Point, La.

"The enclosed is in thanksgiving for a petition that was granted to me through the intercession of Catherine Tekakwitha, namely, that of securing an apartment, which as you know is quite difficult in this day and age."

—Yonkers, N. Y.

"Enclosed is a postal note payable to your order to help promote the Cause of the Venerable 'Lily of the Mohawks.' This small offering is made in appreciation for two very wonderful favors I have recently received through her."

—Buffalo, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	3	Apartment	3
Financial Aid	5	Relief in Distress	4
Employment	4	Not Specified	39

PETITIONS

Cures	6	Apartment	6
Financial Aid	4	Not Specified	20

Obituary

Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Dubuque, Ia.
 Rev. Bonaventure Becker, O.F.M., Herman, Pa.
 Rev. Joseph L. Healy, S.J., Chaplain, Welfare Island.
 Mr. John X. Dugan, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Mrs. Lucy Jackson, Cristobal, Canal Zone.

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