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TEKAKWITHA MOVES AGAIN

This number of the *Lily* comes to you from 30 West 16th Street, New York City, where the Vice-Postulator and the staff of *Tekakwitha League* have been happily established since late last month. We moved along with *Gilmary Society*, publisher of the Catholic Encyclopedia, Dictionary and Supplements, of which the late Father John Wynne, S.J., was one of the founders.

Kateri's new home is part of the Xavier Community. Here are Xavier, Manhattan's Jesuit Military High School, founded in 1847; Xavier Labor School, an adult school of Industrial Relations; the Catholic Information Center, the St. Patrick's Clerical Club for delayed vocations to the priesthood, the

Xavier Alumni Sodality, an association of prominent Catholic college graduates; the Jesuit Parish of St. Francis Xavier, the Xavier Nocturnal Adoration Society, and other organizations active in the life of the Archdiocese. We are just two short blocks from Union Square — half a block from the Communist Jefferson School, and right across the way from Planned Parenthood headquarters. So Kateri, as of old, is in a familiar setting, safely in the hands of her old friends, the Jesuit missionaries, and in the old familiar pagan surroundings.

When you write us — remember it is not 317 E. Fordham Road any more, but — 30 West 16th Street, New York 11, N. Y.

MIRACLES

We received a letter last week from Father McQuade, S.J., of this community, who is on business at Rome, giving an eyewitness account of the miracle which occurs every year there, when the congealed blood of St. Januarius becomes liquid.

Now, as you know, the only thing that is keeping our Kateri from her beatification is that two clear physical miracles due to her intercession must be presented to the Congregation of Rites in proof of her sanctity.

Our pages keep telling you of the numberless favors people all over the country are receiving through her. But not the two events we most need. Please: let us know of any remarkable cures which you believe have been the result of the intercession of Tekakwitha, and, if you want our help to obtain a miraculous favor, let us know the circumstances and we can organize a private Novena, and lend you a relic for the period of invocation.

MORE ABOUT MAKING SAINTS

(Continued from last issue)

Action in Rome

With the help of this summary and of the original evidence he draws up his arguments in writing. To these the advocate in turn replies. The three documents, the '*positio*,' the objections and the reply, are now printed and circulated among the members of the Congregation thirty days before their meeting.

At the meeting, the Cardinal Ponente puts the question whether the Cause should be introduced, and with the help of the printed documents the members give their decision. If it is favorable, they recommend that the Pope, if he wills, should sign the commission for the introduction of the Cause. If he does so, the Cause is withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the local Bishop and placed henceforth under the authority of the Congregation of Rites.

The Congregation then examines the process showing that no public *cultus* has been given to the servant of God, and if it is satisfied on this point, the Cause proceeds, though no formal decree is issued. Still no public honor may be given, and the servant of God may not yet be called Venerable.

Apostolic Processes

From now on all the processes are called 'Apostolic.' This means that even though they take place in the diocesan court, they are authorized by the Holy See, and governed at every step by its instructions.

What is known as "Remissorial Letters" are sent from Rome to five ecclesiastics, naming them judges. If the local Bishop is among the number, he acts as president. In any case he is required to lend the judges his support and authority.

Instructions are also sent by the Promoter General of the Faith to two ecclesiastics who are to act as his delegates. At each session of

the court three judges and one sub-promoter are sufficient.

The first session concerns reputation for sanctity, and the report of martyrdom or miracles. But if there is no doubt that this general popular opinion remains, Rome will easily allow the process to be omitted, as having been sufficiently covered in the information process.

Heroic Virtues

A second, more important set of processes has to show that the servant of God exercised each of the theological virtues — Faith, Hope, and Charity, and the four great moral virtues — prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. And this must be proven to be heroic — not merely ordinary. In the case of Martyrs, at this stage the fact and cause of martyrdom must be established. Normally, too, Rome gives instructions at this time for the body to be exhumed and minutely examined.

Two Miracles

Then at least two miracles ~~must~~ be definitely proved in detail. Sometimes these are not required in the case of Martyrs. Do not misunderstand this exception, however: it refers only to the process looking towards beatification, and is not allowed in the later stage of canonization.

The procedure, so far as judges, witnesses, oaths, etc., is concerned, is much the same as in the earlier processes. But in the matter of miracles presented for discussion, the court calls in a doctor, a specialist if possible, in the particular disease which is alleged to have been miraculously cured. He assists in examination of witnesses and suggests the questions which will help to make the truth clear.

(To be continued)

HAPPINESS

"Recently my family was afflicted by a series of sorrowful events that caused much unhappiness and worry. In the midst of this time of trial, I received a gift subscription for a year to the LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. After reading the many thanksgiving notes in the pamphlet I felt encouraged enough to ask the help of the lovely Indian maiden, so without having the approved prayer I said the Rosary and asked Kateri Tekakwitha to send us quick aid. Within two days there was a direct answer to my prayer that seemed miraculous. In grateful thanksgiving I am sending a promised offering."

—Providence, R. I.

"Please accept this Christmas offering to the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Thankful for a wonderful year."

—Denver, Col.

"Enclosed you will find an offering for Catherine Tekakwitha's Cabin. She has been so good to me, particularly this past year—three marriages righted, and several other favors."

—San Jose, Cal.

"I have received many favors for my son since his return from the war zones. He still has despondent and bitter times, but all is working out and little Kateri is doing much."

—Los Angeles, Cal.

"Enclosed is a check which I promised 'my Catherine' if she would help a certain problem turn out beneficially to me. She did! Indeed, Catherine has answered my many requests when God deems it so."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

"Sometime ago I wrote for some pictures of Catherine Tekakwitha to pass on to my class who was, at that time, working on an Indian project, and I hereby wish to thank you sincerely for them. The children loved her life story and in order to arouse devotion

to her they dramatized her life in a short skit. It was very successful and I am enclosing a picture of the scene in which they played Kateri's baptism. I, myself, was drawn to devotion to her and obtained a special grace through her intercession for one of our former boys. He was on the verge of withdrawing from a Catholic college and registering in a state college on account of lack of funds. He is a convert only a short time and that change would have certainly had detrimental effects. At the end of my novena to Kateri I received news from the boy that he had won a scholarship and a part-time job at the school when the authorities were informed of his withdrawal requests. I sent him a picture of Catherine and I'm grateful to her for that favor."

—Boys Town, Neb.

"While visiting relatives last week some distance from our home I became very much worried about my brother who had gone out to look the town over. I said the short prayer to Catherine Tekakwitha and implored her to bring him home immediately. I suppose it was a demanding way to pray, but I suppose it was my complete faith in her intercession with our Divine Lord that I implored her as I did. He arrived home about fifteen or twenty minutes after. I told him the following day about my request of Catherine Tekakwitha. He said that the time exactly checked with the sudden decision to leave the party and start for the home of the relatives we were visiting. It was certainly a quick answer to my prayer."

—Worcester, Mass.

LITTLE THINGS

"Please find check enclosed to be used to further the Cause of Kateri. This is the fulfillment of two promises that were granted to me through her intercession."

—Kosciusko, Miss.

"On several occasions I have prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha, and each time my prayers were answered." —White Castle, La.

"The enclosed offering I send monthly for a promise I made for a favor received some time ago through the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha." —Youngstown, O.

"Recently I prayed to Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha for a special favor, and I wish it be known that my favor has been granted, and in a way that I never expected it would be. I have also sent her pictures and leaflets to friends in France who also invoked her aid, and they have written me saying how wonderfully their favors were also granted through her." —Dorchester, Mass.

"I am sending a small donation. I have been helped and favored so often and generously by the intercession of my good friend, Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, that I wish in some material way to do what I can to advance her Cause and show my appreciation to her." —Scarsdale, N. Y.

"I am enclosing an offering to help Katherine's Cause. I promised it for two favors I obtained through her intercession." —Webster, Mass.

"I hope to make Kateri known to everyone I know. She has answered many favors for me and my family." —Philadelphia, Pa.

"I promised this donation to help further Tekakwitha's canonization for a favor received. I have never once invoked her aid that she did not graciously answer my request." —Detroit, Mich.

"Attached check is to further Cause for canonization of Kateri in appreciation for favor granted." —New Orleans, La.

"Enclosed a little offering for Tekakwitha. I'm always petitioning her for some favor, but so seldom express any gratitude. She's slow but sure. Wish I could get more persons interested in her, but today everyone wants everything in a hurry. Would that we had some of the patience and long-suffering of the Lily of the Mohawks." —Rocky River, O.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	16	Financial Aid	8
Apartments	2	Relief in Distress	3
Employment	7	Not Specified	70

PETITIONS

Cures	75	Financial Aid	40
Apartments	10	Relief in Distress	8
Employment	18	Not Specified	60

Obituary

Rev. Bernard B. Donnelly, S.J., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. Joseph T. Keating, S.J., New York, N. Y.
 Rev. Francis X. Quinn, S.J., Washington, D. C.
 Rev. Frederick T. McCarten, S.J., Boston, Mass.
 Bro. James L. Kilmartin, S.J., Boston, Mass.
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