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THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MIRACLES ATTRIBUTED TO THE VENERABLE KATERI TEKAKWITHA

I—The miracle and its circumstances.

A) The condition of the person cured, before the miracle:

1. Name, age, etc., of the person cured?
2. Physical condition of the person cured? — that of parents?
3. Medical history of said person prior to the cure?
4. Nature and gravity of the sickness of which the person was cured?
Cause of the sickness? Initial stage and development of the sickness?
5. Particular, general and local symptoms of the sickness?
6. Progress or regression of the sickness? Date? What caused the sickness to become worse?
7. Visits of physician or surgeon to the sick person: When? How many times?
Physician's diagnosis? — prognosis?
8. Did the physician prescribe certain remedies? Which ones? Were they taken? With what effect?

B) The condition of the person cured at the time of the miracle:

1. In what condition was the sick person at the time of the cure?
2. Was this person's condition serious? Was it considered hopeless?
3. How long did this serious condition last?
4. What day, what hour did the cure take place?
5. What did the sick person experience while the cure was taking place?
6. Was the cure instantaneous?
7. Did the cure take place without the help of remedies?

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C) The condition of the person after being cured:

1. What changes were felt by the person being cured while passing from sickness to health?
2. Was the cure complete? Did any trace remain?
3. Is the person cured still in good health?
4. Does the cure still last? Does the person cured suffer from some other sickness? What other(s)?
5. After the cure, was the erstwhile sick person examined by a physician? When? What was his opinion concerning the case?

II—Invocation of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

1. Is it proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that the sick person was cured after having invoked the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha?
2. Who invoked the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha?
3. How was Kateri invoked: By means of mental or oral prayer? By means of a novena or a triduum?
4. Did the sick person apply or have applied to himself a relic or a picture of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha?
5. When was the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha first invoked? When was she last invoked?
6. Did the cure take place immediately or not?
7. Was the help of other Servants of God or of other Saints invoked?
If so, why is the cure attributed to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha?

NEW SHRINE DIRECTOR

Auriesville, site of Tekakwitha's birthplace, has a new Shrine Director, the Rev. Louis A. Devaney, S.J., formerly assistant director of the Jesuit Retreat House at Albany, New York. He succeeds the Rev. Francis D. Burns, S.J. The Shrine, dear to the hearts of

Kateri's clients, will open for the 1951 season on May 6, and close October 28. Laity who come from a distance are invited to live at the Shrine Inn. Reservations should be made in advance with Mrs. Louise Kramer, Shrine Inn, Auriesville, New York.

NEW BOOK ON KATERI

DRUMS OF DESTINY, by Harold William Sandberg, recently released by THE GRAIL, St. Meinrad, Indiana, is the story of Tekakwitha told against the background of

the picturesque Iroquois traditions, customs, and life. Copies may be ordered, at \$2.00, direct from the publishers.

PAGEANT IN ILLINOIS

A very successful Indian Pageant, featuring Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, was presented by the students at the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, on April 13, 14, 15. A great feature of the celebration was the superb choreography. Cooperating in the production along with the college students

were students of the Joliet School of the Dance, the Ballet Club of Joliet Township, the Studio of the Dance, and St. Francis Academy Students. The St. Luke Guild contributed to the stage design. We congratulate the Sisters and cast for bringing the life of Kateri so brilliantly before the public.

PHYSICAL RELIEF

"This is a thanksgiving a little delayed to the little Lily of the Mohawks for the return of my sister's health who was very seriously ill with uric poisoning and in a state of comatose for eight weeks. She was prepared for death. I asked the intercession of little Kateri for the grace of a happy death or a speedy recovery. Thank God she is home and doing very nicely."—New York, N. Y.

"My brother was taken to a hospital with a bone tumor in his hand. We were all very worried he would lose a finger. I promised an offering and prayed to Catherine Tekakwitha and promised publication if they could save his finger. He is home now and his hand and finger was saved. I am sure our prayers were very helpful."—Chicago, Ill.

HEALTH RESTORED

"I am writing to you to inform you of the favor our little friend has been working on. Miss A. came to me one day asking for prayers. Her mother had been ill for some time, and from caring for her and working each day she was a mental wreck. This lady has also written a few books. If Miss A. would find it necessary to take a rest, how would her mother be able to make ends meet? We invoked Venerable Tekakwitha. Within two months Miss A. was in good health and had found someone to sponsor her new book."

Los Angeles, Cal.

"Enclosed is an offering for a Mass in thanksgiving to the Lily of the Mohawks. My recovery from an operation is indeed remarkable. When I knew I was to be operated upon, I placed myself through prayer in the hands of the 'Little Lily' and asked her whatever was God's holy will the grace of a happy death or a return to health. I am also grateful to her for financial aid. She has never failed me."

—Chester, Pa.

RELIEF IN DISTRESS

"For years I have been suffering with severe asthma. All medical aid seemed to be

of little use. Hearing of Kateri Tekakwitha, I said a few Masses in her honor through Our Lady. Today I am happy to report that now I can work again in a mild climate. Thanks to God."

—Apalachicola, Fla.

"Enclosed find an offering to help further the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha and in thanksgiving for a favor received. We promised publication if a report on my husband's lungs came back negative. He had had an X-ray taken several months before and the report was doubtful, so we are very thankful for little Catherine's intercession."

—St. Louis, Mo.

TEMPORAL FAVORS

"Please accept the enclosed offering in thanksgiving for a special temporal favor received through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. Once again I prayed to her that I would be able to attend a Day of Recollection at a convent situated on Tekakwitha Hills, named in her honor to whom the nuns have particular devotion. I was able to go, every obstacle was overcome, and it was in its entirety a wonderful day."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

"Enclosed you will find an offering in thanksgiving for a temporal favor received through Venerable Tekakwitha. I am very grateful to her for her aid."—Detroit, Mich.

FINANCIAL AID

"I am enclosing an offering, which is sent to you by my sister, in thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. My sister mentioned to me that she was very short of cash which she could very profitably use over the Easter holidays. I mailed her some literature on 'Lily of the Mohawks' instructing her to invoke her. The morning that she received the picture and literature she said some prayers and that very evening she

won \$12.50 at a party. The following week at a similar party she won \$85.00 just a few days before her birthday. She attributes these events to the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha and expresses her thanks by sending this donation." — Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I am enclosing a check which is the amount of one month's pay increase. I promised Little Kateri that the amount of this first month's increase would be given to her Cause if she would get me a raise, which she did."

—St. Louis, Mo.

EMPLOYMENT

"My husband and I have three children. We have had a lot of sickness which has meant a number of doctor bills and also other bills which we could not pay. I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha that I would find a job but one that I could be home with the children after school hours. Several days later I got a job in a real estate firm and in a month's time I have made enough money to pay all my bills. My first sale came about in such a strange fashion that the other salesmen thought that it was just luck, but I believe it was just prayer to Kateri that made it all possible."

—Huntington, W. Va.

"I am enclosing an offering to Catherine for a very good favor my husband received. He was out of work for eighteen months. I started to pray to Catherine Tekakwitha and he obtained employment."—Hoboken, N. J.

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SALE OF PROPERTY

"Enclosed is an offering long past due. Last summer we made a novena to Kateri asking her to help us sell a piece of real estate. We promised this check to help further the Cause of her canonization. Shortly after the novena ended we sold the property."

—Louisville, Ky.

"Enclosed find an offering for receiving favor of selling our house and making a good settlement through the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha."

—Largo, Fla.

APARTMENT

"Enclosed is a small offering I promised Tekakwitha for finding an apartment for me. I will always pray for her and will help spread her devotion."

—Worcester, Mass.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	6	Safe Delivery	2
Apartments	2	Sale of Property	1
Employment	3	Spiritual	1
Financial Aid	6	Successful Operation	1
Relief in Distress	5	Not Specified	37

PETITIONS

Cures	15	Relief in Distress	9
Apartments	6	Safe Delivery	5
Employment	2	Spiritual	7
Financial Aid	15	Successful Operation	2
Not Specified		40	

Obituary

Rev. William J. Brosnan, S.J., Woodstock, Md.
Sister M. Antonino, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Ind.
Mr. Hugh Boland, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mr. Fred S. Evans, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
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