

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## WHERE IS THE HOLD-UP?

G. H., from Detroit, asks us in a letter: "Won't you please tell us why Kateri isn't or can't be beatified soon? Where is the hold-up? Is it in Rome? Couldn't Kateri be beatified by popular demand?"

The hold-up, dear G. H., is in Heaven. We have not yet had, from there, the two miracles necessary for her beatification. Maybe they have occurred, but at least they have not yet been called to our attention.

The striking favor attested to by Mrs. Marie South, of Schenectady, New York, as noted in the Fall, 1951, *Pilgrim*, looks like the real thing. But Mrs. South's instantaneous recovery from multiple sclerosis after application of the relics at Auriesville, can't be called to the attention of the Postulator for Kateri's Cause, because *both* the Martyrs' and Kateri's relics were used, and the cure cannot be attributed solely to Tekakwitha.

### IT IS OUR FAULT, TOO

Most likely it is the *lack of hold-up* which prevents the Cause from getting ahead faster. Lack of holding up our hands earnestly and persistently in prayer. Many of the great favors reported to us each week, and published in this bulletin, are not of the sudden instantaneous physical cures required to be considered miraculous. Perhaps we have im-

patiently turned away from Tekakwitha after a Novena or two, and have not been able to produce the extra ounce or two of faith which she is waiting for.

### STAY WITH US!

Keep sending in your reports of answers you have had to your pleas for Tekakwitha's intercession. Popular demand is encouraging, as is the interest both in the States and in Canada. Everything that could be done has been done in the matter of the historical process and the declaration of the heroicity of Kateri's virtues. The next step is the presentation to Rome, of clear miracles due to her intercession.

There is a regular form of report which we will send you for the asking, if you wish to tell us about favors which you think, seriously, have been extraordinary. We can arrange for special private novenas, send you, for use during such periods of intercession, a relic, which may be applied to the person afflicted. The important thing is to invoke Kateri *only*, so that we may know that the favors belongs to her.

So, if you are hoping against hope for a miracle in a particular instance—don't hold up your hands in *despair*, but in *prayer*!

## A SAINT HAS TO BE A HERO

What their biographers stress about most of our canonized Saints, is that they seem to have been people with quiet, little virtues.

Yet it is a fact not to be denied that to pass muster before the very detailed examination of the Congregation of Rites, and particu-

larly the persistent objections of the 'Devil's Advocate'—the virtues of such servants of God have to have been, not merely *mansized*, but *heroic*!

#### THE QUESTIONS THEY ASK

For example, here were some of the particular inquiries made about Kateri before she was declared Venerable:

*Did this Servant of God treasure her faith before everything else in the world, and even suffer persecution for it?*

*Did she make sacrifices for her faith such as abandoning home and people hostile to it, and seeking, under risk and hardship, a place where she could cultivate it?*

*Was her hope in God motivated by desire for reward, or by her filial confidence in*

*Him? And how did this confidence appear in times of persecution, calumny and opposition?*

*What proof is there that she loved God above all; and sacrificed everything to be worthy of Him? And how did she comply with the precept: Love thy neighbor as thyself?*

*What evidence is there of extraordinary prudence on her part, of justice, temperance, fortitude?*

These are just some of the highlights of the minute investigation of all the virtues of a Servant of God proposed for Beatification. And at least three Sessions are devoted to this inquiry, with the Devil's Advocate submitting objections and difficulties.

#### REPORT FROM THE PEOPLE

"Enclosed an offering for a favor obtained through prayer to Catherine Tekakwitha. While our daughter was bathing our grandson, ten months old, who is very active, he reached and snatched an open safety pin from the blanket and swallowed it. At the hospital they took an X-ray and the pin was just entering the baby's stomach. When we learned of this situation, unknown to each other, we both said a prayer to Catherine Tekakwitha. The baby had to stay in the hospital for four days. Each day we prayed desperately to Catherine and pleaded with her to help the baby. Each day an X-ray was taken of the pin and the progress it was making through the baby's system. By Fri-

day morning we were pretty discouraged and promised Catherine an offering if the baby passed the pin by noon. At 11.30 he did without any harm or any after effects or operation of any kind. What we consider the miracle in this case is that at no time did any doctor have to lay a hand on this child in any form or manner other than to take X-ray pictures. The fact that the pin was opened caused great anxiety." —Watervliet, N. Y.

"Kateri has answered so many of my prayers, I feel I should tell you about them. My grandfather was very ill and not expected to live. I prayed that he wouldn't be alone, as we live 35 miles from him and that he

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would have an easy death. In spite of the bad snowstorm, we were able to be with him when he died.

"I had two badly impacted wisdom teeth extracted and Kateri got me through both operations with practically no pain or discomfort.

"My mother hasn't been well for several months. She had been having trouble with her gall bladder and was told it should be removed. I have been making novenas for Kateri to intercede so she would not need the operation. The doctor told her today not to worry about it, it isn't that bad. It's her nerves that is causing the trouble and with rest she will be all right. I know that good news came from little Catherine."—Solon, O.

"Enclosed please find an offering to help further the Cause of Tekakwitha. For approximately two years, my mother has had a serious varicose vein condition—three open sores around the ankle of the right foot. After praying to Kateri these sores healed completely." —Phoenixville, Pa.

"I want to tell you that about four months ago I made a novena to Kateri Tekakwitha and I prayed that Almighty God 'through her intercession' may relieve me of my sciatica pains from which I have suffered for over twenty-five years. Thanks be to God and to Kateri I have not suffered any pains or have I worn my brace since that time. I feel that I am really cured."—Boston, Mass.

"Enclosed is a small offering which I hope to be able to add to now and then throughout the year. Last August I was rushed to the hospital in a very serious condition. A week and a half later they operated for gall bladder condition and an infection set in. For a week or ten days they didn't have much hope, but I can remember asking Tekakwitha to let me live and I would remember her. After four weeks I started to improve. I am back to work now." —Hartford, Conn.

"Please accept my belated thanks for the use of the first-class relic of Venerable Tekakwitha, praying for a miraculous cure for my right hand. While my arm is far from cured, it is so useful that I am most grateful to Tekakwitha's intercession, and I feel confident that it will continue to improve. Being able to take care of my former duties is the greatest satisfaction, and relief from the pain I endured for so many months. Enclosed is in thanksgiving for Tekakwitha's help." —Baltimore, Md.

"Sometime ago something awful happened to my eyes very suddenly. It kept getting worse. I thought of the reliquary you had sent me. I placed it on my forehead between my eyes and the misery passed at that moment. If ever there was a miracle it was one. I have not until this time had any more trouble like that." —Gretna, La.

"Enclosed find an offering in thanksgiving for favors received from the 'Lily of the Mohawks.' For the past eighteen years I have had a large picture of Kateri Tekakwitha framed and displayed for the view of visitors to the rectory, and occasionally spoken a word to promote the Cause of her beatification. In recent months I have privately invoked her intercession quite frequently, and almost daily the past week or more, to obtain her help in my personal difficult problems, and though I cannot speak of an outright miracle, I believe that I am permitted to state that I have received some assistance." . . . . ., Kansas.

"Please accept the enclosed offering sent in gratitude to Kateri Tekakwitha for financial aid and help in illness."—Pleasantville, N. Y.

"Enclosed find the donation I promised to Venerable Tekakwitha for finding a good job for our son who just graduated. Though not in this city, I feel she has done her best." —San Francisco, Cal.

"I had a heart attack and a stroke on my right side. I lost use of my hand and limb. I was awful worried about myself and my dear wife as she was the only one to help me. She prayed to our little Indian girl and told me to pray to her to help us meet our financial wants. My wife is employed but her salary was small so we asked our little friend to help get her more money. It was granted and we are both happy about it. My wife has spread the devotion to lots of people and we have lots of confidence in her. I must tell you with the help of God, His Blessed Mother and Little Kateri I will return to my old job again. Please accept this little offering for her Cause, and as soon as I receive a pay day I will send more and will always spread devotion to her." —Louisville, Ky.

"Our pet, Little Tekakwitha, has been wonderful to us in our building program. It is through her prayers and intercession that our building program is on the way to reality." —Corpus Christi, Tex.

"I am enclosing an offering which I promised Kateri if my daughter found a job. She has found just what she wanted. Many thanks to her for this and for all the favors received through her." —Methuen, Mass.

"I am enclosing an offering towards your Cause of Tekakwitha. I promised the same if my son could sell his home, which seemed

almost hopeless. I have just received a letter from him saying the deal is completed. For this I am thankful since it involved so much." —Cincinnati, O.

"I am enclosing an offering as a thanksgiving to Tekakwitha because I rented my room as soon as it was vacant." —Cincinnati, O.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures .....	10	Relief in Distress .....	7
Apartment .....	1	Sale of Property .....	1
Employment .....	1	Spiritual and Temporal .....	2
Financial Aid .....	13	Not Specified .....	117

#### PETITIONS

Cures .....	15	Relief in Distress .....	10
Apartment .....	4	Safe Delivery .....	3
Employment .....	3	Sale of Property .....	3
Financial Aid .....	20	Spiritual and Temporal .....	4
Not Specified .....	120		

#### Obituary

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John L. Belford, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
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