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THE MOHAWKS

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GOOD NEWS FROM FONDA

We are sure our good friend, Barnett Fowler, *Times-Union*, Albany, N. Y., staff writer will not mind if we quote largely from his full-page article of August 31, about what is being done so scientifically and successfully, to find the actual site at Caughnawaga (Fonda, N. Y.) where Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha was baptized. We are sure, too, that our readers distinguish between Ossernenon, now the Shrine at Auriesville, N. Y., where Kateri was born; Caughnawaga at Fonda, where she was baptized; and Caughnawaga, Canada, where she died, and where her major relics are now preserved.

At New York Caughnawaga, on the hill known as "Sand Flats," the complete outline of an Iroquois village or "castle" is being unearthed. When, and if, a special outline is uncovered, it may be that we have found the Chapel of St. Peter where the *Lily of the Mohawks* was baptized by Father James de Lamberville, S.J., on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676.

NEW EXCAVATIONS

The labor at Fonda is not easy. Under direction of the Very Rev. Thomas Grassmann, O.F.M.Conv., of the Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum, and Curator of the Tekakwitha Shrine, the initial step was taken May 30, 1950, when the village site was staked out. A search for fragile remains held by the earth for centuries, subject to the ravages of destruction that earthly acids

and time can impose, poses tremendous difficulties. It is not a question of a shovelful of dirt, a quick look, and then selecting old relics.

SLOW WORK

The Mohawk area is 1.46 acres. First the outline of the double stockade had to be determined. Scientists from Fordham University now working on the site of the protected village of Ossernenon, now Auriesville Shrine, and the Canadian scientists currently working in and around Midland, Ontario, to reconstruct the outlines of other Indian castles where Jesuit missionaries worked, know how difficult it is. First a narrow shallow trench has to be dug. Then the first post-molds are found. Constant warfare was an accepted thing in the life of the Mohawks. They protected themselves by erecting palisades of logs, which they drove into the ground some thirty inches. Above ground these logs stood 15 feet or more.

THE CAUGHNAWAGA STORY

In 1693, the French in Canada came southward with vengeance and burned Caughnawaga. So, even in that year, the only part of the village intact was the underground part. Passing years rotted the wood, but in its rotting it left a blackened area in the yellow sands. These blackened areas, sometimes containing an organic core of a log, are the post molds.

More about this archeological work at Fonda, Auriesville, and Midland, Ontario, will be described in our next, and in later issues. Father Grassmann is to be congratu-

lated for his successful search. He is one of Tekakwitha's most devoted apostles, and a visit to Fonda is a *must* for any devotee of the *Lily*.

TEKAKWITHA AT SHRUB OAK

Members of *Tekakwitha League* responded generously to the invitation of the late, great Father Wynne several years ago—so generously that the vision of Father Wynne of a Kateri Cabin, a Museum Memorial to Tekakwitha, has been an actuality since 1949, and is being constantly embellished at Auriesville.

We told you last year about the new glory received by the *Lily* in being immortalized in bronze on the main door of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, and about how thrilled we were to see her right on Fifth Avenue.

We have another thought now which we would like to pass along to members of the League, friends of Kateri Tekakwitha—especially those who have experienced her power before God, and who are grateful to her for favors received.

The Jesuit Fathers are building, out of immediate necessity, a new seminary at Shrub Oak, near Peekskill, N. Y. This is territory in the state where Tekakwitha was born and

baptized and suffered somewhat for her Faith. The men who will be trained in this new seminary are successors of Jogues and his companions, and of Father Lamberville who discovered the beauty of Tekakwitha's soul.

Surely Tekakwitha of all people, should be memorialized somehow at Shrub Oak. No chapel can as yet be dedicated to her, but we can at least have a seminarian's room or some other little spot there in her memory. Will you, who are friends of her, and thankful of her for past favors, help us here at League Headquarters to arrange for some such memorial? It will depend on what response you make, what type memorial we can have at Shrub Oak. A seminarian's room will cost \$3,000. We thought it best to aim at that amount first of all. If we can do better, fine.

If you will consider making a little offering in thanksgiving for this prospect, will you please respond somehow as follows, either by using this form, or writing us to the same effect:

TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE,

30 West 16th Street, New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Father:

Enclosed please find an offering to be used for:

1. The Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha ☐
- or
2. A Tekakwitha Memorial at Shrub Oak, N. Y. ☐
3. Divide my offering between the Cause and the Memorial ☐

Name..... Street.....

City..... State.....

TEKAKWITHA HELPS SO MANY

"I wish to make public the great miracle Kateri Tekakwitha performed for me. I have one daughter fourteen years old and since her birth have had several miscarriages. In December of last year I had another miscarriage but did not feel normal afterwards and in January an examination showed I was still pregnant. The doctor said there had been two pregnancies conceived and that I had lost one but was carrying on with the other one. I prayed to dear Kateri every day and made a novena using her relic for a period of nine days. I was in bed most of the time but on June 1st, I gave birth to a seven months, normal, healthy, baby boy. I have now regained my health and my new baby is gaining weight every day. There is no doubt in my mind but that Kateri did perform a wonderful miracle for us."

—Cincinnati, O.

"I am happy to state that my wife has found great benefit from the novenas she has made while applying the relic of Venerable Tekakwitha to her eye. On the third day she told me that some wonderful change had come over her and that the cloud which was nearly completely covering her eye had broken up apparently and that she could see from the other side of the eye. Now she says that she can see everything, can read the newspaper, thread the needle and sew and she is not afraid to stoop to tie her shoes. I am enclosing a small offering from her and have promised a larger one if she is cured completely."

—Philadelphia, Pa.

"I made a novena to little Indian Maiden and before it was finished my request had been granted. I was much worried over a lawsuit. It looked very dark at the time, and so many worries connected with it. As soon as I started the novena, the clouds cleared away at once, the case was settled out of court, money matters cleared up, a

fine paying position secured. Thank God for a most wonderful favor granted, and thanks a million to the little Indian Maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha, for hearing my request. This is the second wonderful request granted to me within a few months."—Malden, Mass.

"Enclosed is an offering for which kindly have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a doctor. During his sickness, I said the novena to Tekakwitha for him every day. He recovered so that he was able to resume his practice for over two years, but died of a heart attack two weeks ago. As I prayed so much to Tekakwitha for him during a period of four years, I know he would be pleased to have my Mass Intention said by the Tekakwitha League."—Norwich, Conn.

"Since I became a member of the Tekakwitha League, just a year ago, I have received numerous favors. It was just after coming to this country when a friend asked me to join. I did and prayed to her for employment which I received almost immediately after finishing novena. Then, after sometime, I wanted a better position and again I received it in spite of several obstacles. My sister, who had been over-working, got ill and I sent her novenas (she lives in Ireland). She had been very bad but now, thanks to God and Kateri, she has almost recovered. Then I had varicose veins and I had no money to get them operated on, but I prayed to Kateri and was able to have badly needed operation and I am fine now."

—New York, N. Y.

"Once again I'm writing to report a favor through little Catherine's intercession. About six weeks ago I visited the doctor and because of a suspected condition he referred me to a surgeon. He was of the same opinion as my family physician but told me to return in two weeks. I said the prayer every day but during this time I prayed that I

would be spared an operation, if it was God's will. When I returned for my re-examination the doctor said there was no danger at the present and advised a check-up at a later date. I feel that once more my prayers have been answered through Catherine's intercession."

—Providence, R. I.

"I sprained my foot. It had been strapped and the pain was severe. I prayed to Kateri and promised this offering. In a short time the pain lessened and I fell asleep."

—Solon, O.

"Some months ago I requested you to pray for a successful outcome of a business transaction that was worrying my husband. I am happy to report that this worked out without any injury to his position or his business. I am very grateful for this favor and enclose a small donation in thanksgiving to further the Cause of Tekakwitha."

—New Orleans, La.

"A disagreement in the family made me very unhappy. I prayed to Kateri for peace and within a few days the whole thing was cleared up. Enclosed is an offering which I promised in thanksgiving."

—New York, N. Y.

"The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving for a great spiritual favor and to help the Beatification of Venerable Tekakwitha."

—Balmorhea, Tex.

"I am grateful to Kateri Tekakwitha for financial assistance during an illness that lasted over a year; for recovery from a nervous breakdown, and return to former work. Also the spiritual opportunity of making the Easter duty."

—Seattle, Wash.

"I have found great consolation and help in my private prayers to Kateri Tekakwitha."

—Waterford, Wis.

"I am enclosing a donation in thanksgiving for my sister having obtained a house at a good price in a nice neighborhood. I feel this was possible through Little Catherine's intercession."

—Toledo, O.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	8	Relief in Distress	22
Conversion	1	Safe Delivery	2
Employment	5	Sale of Property	2
Financial Aid	11	Not Specified	91

PETITIONS

Cures	14	Sale of Property	3
Apartments	5	Relief in Distress	15
Financial Aid	12	Not Specified	45

Obituary

Most Rev. Francis X. Ford, M.M., China.
 Rev. V. J. Brown, S.J., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Rev. Philip J. Clarke, S.J., Jersey City, N. J.
 Sister Mary Augusta, San Francisco, Cal.
 Mrs. Catherine Breen, Evanston, Ill.
 Mr. Peter M. Finn, West Philadelphia, Pa.
 Miss P. M. Loya, San Antonio, Tex.
 Mr. Peter Mueller, Cincinnati, O.
 Mr. William O'Donnell, Hazleton, Pa.
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