

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## Merry Christmas

*to All Friends of the League and Clients of  
Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha  
from the Vice-Postulator and The Staff*

### JESUS ANATONHIA

The Feast of the Nativity was particularly dear to the heart of the *Lily of the Mohawks*. It was on that day that she received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. It is most likely that on that joyful occasion she would have joined in singing

the sweet Indian Christmas carol, JESUS ANATONHIA: *Jesus Is Born*. It was written in the Huron tongue originally by the Martyr Saint, John de Brebeuf. We reprint the translation here, and we know our readers will enjoy it for its quaint Indian simplicity.

'Twas in the moon of the winter time  
When all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou  
Sent Angel choirs instead.  
Before their light the stars grew dim,  
And wondering hunters heard the hymn:

Earliest moon of winter time  
Is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory on  
The helpless Infant there;  
While chiefs from far before Him knelt  
With gifts of fox and beaver-pelt.

*Jesus, your King, is born  
Jesus is born;—  
In excelsis gloria!*

In a lodge of broken bark  
The tender Babe was found;  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin  
Enwrapped His beauty round;  
And as the hunters brave drew nigh,  
The Angel song rang loud and high:

*Jesus, your King, is born*

Children of the forest free  
O sons of Manitou,—  
The holy Child of earth and heaven  
Is born today for you;  
Come, kneel before the radiant Boy  
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy!

*Jesus, your King, is born*

### In Memoriam

On Monday, December 1, a special Requiem Mass was celebrated for the soul of the late Father John J. Wynne, S.J., who died just four years ago. Father Wynne was largely responsible for the canonization of the North American Martyrs in 1930, and was, until his death, V. Postulator for the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha. The Mass, offered by Father Coffey, S.J., present V. Postulator, was attended by the League staff, and the staff of Gilmary Society, publishers of *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, at Our Lady's Chapel at the College of St. Francis Xavier, Manhattan. A special intention in the Mass was given for all deceased members of Tekakwitha League.

### TEKAKWITHA MEMORIAL AT SHRUB OAK

Enough of our readers and friends responded to our appeal for offerings towards a Tekakwitha Memorial at the Jesuit Seminary soon to be built in New York State, where Kateri spent the best part of her life. We were able to pledge a modest Memorial Window in the Seminary Refectory. We thought that, by way of thanksgiving to the *Lily* for her many favors, and as a sacrificial spur to her Cause, more members of the League might wish to participate in a more substantial Memorial to be established at Shrub Oak in her honor. We were thinking, specifically, about dedicating a Seminarian's

Room to her. This will cost three thousand dollars. Spread out over our membership, the individual offering would not need to be great.

An excellent opportunity to participate in this Memorial is afforded by the availability of shares in the new Jesuit Seminary. These shares, which entitle donors to perpetual remembrance in the prayers and Masses of future Jesuit seminarians, may be had for twenty-four dollars each, payable over a period of two years. It is suggested that you use the following form:

Dear Father Coffey:

I subscribe ..... shares at \$24.00 each towards the Tekakwitha Memorial  
(or)

I subscribe a total of \$..... towards the Memorial.

This subscription payable \$..... herewith, balance on the following dates in 1953, 1954 .....  
(or)

Enclosed is an offering to be divided between the Cause and the Memorial.

Name .....

Address .....

Checks are payable to Tekakwitha League.

Share certificates and receipts for donations will be sent in every case.



## TEKAKWITHA HELPS SO MANY

### UNUSUAL FAVOR

We do not, ordinarily, spotlight favors reported to us as due to the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. We simply report them as they come in to us. And that these reports are constant, the pages of LILY ever since the first issue, sixteen years ago, are ample testimony. But we were very much interested in the favor reported below, because it happened under our own eyes, in New York, and in our own immediate neighborhood. We will let our correspondent tell his own story:

"Four years ago I had a coughing spell with oral hemorrhage. I went to a hospital where, after a three-hour examination, I was advised to remain. X-rays taken showed a spot on the right lung the size of a quarter. A specialist did a bronchoscopy, and it was established that I was suffering from bronchiectasis of the middle lobe of the right lung. The specialist advised me to have this area removed. I had X-rays taken every three or four months, more than twenty-five in a period of three years, with no change in condition. During this time I had nine attacks with oral hemorrhage. Finally I decided to undergo the surgical removal indicated.

"I arranged to enter a hospital. Up to this time I had never heard of Venerable Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks. One of my parish priests suggested I learn something of her history, pray for her help daily. He gave me a relic which I was to apply to my person while in the hospital. Up to this time the contemplated surgical procedure was for the removal of the middle lobe of the right lung. Just before the operation my doctor suggested additional X-rays. Result of the X-rays was evidence that I had a tumor on the middle lobe of the right lung.

"My desire in the prayers that were said to the *Lily of the Mohawks* was, that either the

operation be not necessary, or that part of the lung be not removed. A tumor was removed, but it was not necessary to touch the lung itself!

"No prayers were said asking intercession of any other person. At least one hundred persons were praying for Tekakwitha's help while I was in the hospital. About thirty-five are now interested in devotion to Tekakwitha, due to my remarkable recovery through her intercession. My wife and I feel that it was through the prayers of all these good people for help from the Lily of the Mohawks that it was made evident to my doctors just what the actual trouble was. None of the previous X-rays show any evidence of a tumor, and when the doctors were asked about this, they could not give any satisfactory explanation of the phenomena."

—New York, N. Y.

N.B.—*We still need definite, clear-cut physical cures attributable to the invocation of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, if we are to advance her Cause. We give the foregoing history as an example of how to report favors. One of these days the necessary miracles will be forthcoming. They could concern YOU, if you have faith and perseverance!*

### FURTHER REPORTS

"I would like to have a medal of Kateri Tekakwitha. I gave mine to a neighbor for her husband who was very sick with rheumatic fever. He was given up by the doctors who said he had only a few hours to live. This man was taken sick very suddenly and had not been to Mass or the Sacraments for four years. The woman is a convert. She became a Catholic while her husband would not go to Mass. He made a remarkable recovery. Thanks be to God and Little Kateri, he was able to leave the hospital in a few

weeks and felt well and gained strength fast although the doctor said he couldn't work for a year on account of his heart. In three months he was able to go back to his job. I promised I would write and let you know about this case of conversion and health through the intercession of Kateri as he had received the Last Sacraments twice at the hospital. He now goes to Mass."

—Fort Worth, Tex.

"My aged mother fell and broke her leg and wrist, and with the aid of a bone specialist she came through very successfully and was able to walk again, but suffered with terrific pains which the doctor informed us would accompany this type of break with old people. Later she contracted pneumonia and was sent to the hospital. She looked bad and we didn't think she would pull through. I had a picture of Kateri with a silk relic attached and having had devotion to her before with success, I decided to take the silk relic and put in into scapular form and put it around my mother's neck, and made a novena asking Kateri to relieve her of those terrific pains. She was cured of the pneumonia and we continued praying for the pains. It is now over two months and she has not had any pains at all and is in very good health. Thanks to Kateri for this wonderful help."

—Wauwatosa, Wis.

"Enclosed is an offering to further the Cause of Tekakwitha, in thanksgiving for favor received. Several of my apartments had been vacant for months and novenas and donations to other saints availed nothing. I promised her to help her Cause if she helped me—now they are rented."—Denver, Colo.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	7	Relief in Distress	6
Employment	3	Safe Delivery	3
Financial Aid	12	Spiritual	2
Homes Obtained	3	Not Specified	92

#### PETITIONS

Cures	10	Relief in Distress	10
Apartments	4	Safe Delivery	5
Employment	5	Spiritual	4
Financial Aid	20	Not Specified	100

#### Obituary

Most Rev. Patrick J. Byrne, M.M., Maryknoll, N. Y.  
 Most Rev. James A. McFadden, Youngstown, Ohio.  
 Rev. Terence J. Boyle, S.J., New York, N. Y.  
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 Rev. Thomas Chetwood, S.J., Monroe, N. Y.  
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