

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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STILL WAITING

Yes, still waiting! We are waiting, with eager faith, for Heaven to give us a sign of Tekakwitha's exaltation through a miracle on the occasion of her intercession.

A miracle means something wonderful performed by supernatural power as a sign that some one or some event is marked by special favor of the providence of God. Christ our Lord healed the sick, drove out devils, brought sight back to blind eyes, made the dumb speak, restored life to the son of the widow of Naim, and arose from the tomb, to mention but some of His miracles.

MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN

Miracles did not cease after the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. Nor were they always concerned in His time with bodily ailments or the passage from death to life. They are not so limited in these days, either. Christ calmed the sea, drove demons into swine. Saul was struck down from his horse on the way to Damascus to be converted to St. Paul.

So there are miracles of grace as well as of healing. Usually, however, proof of the latter is required to show that a Servant of God proposed for beatification has been the medium or instrument used by divine providence to bring about the something wonderful that is considered a miracle.

TWO TYPES OF SAINTS

There are Servants of God, like Tekakwitha, men or women who have lived a holy life and died a natural death. In the language of the Church these people are known as *Confessors*, to distinguish them from *Martyrs*, who have shed their blood for the Faith. If martyrdom is proved, no miracles are required for beatification, and only two, after that, for their canonization.

For *Confessors*, if persons still alive were eye-witnesses of two alleged miracles, and give satisfactory testimony, that is enough for beatification. But three miracles are required when the testimony was ocular in the first investigation, and only hearsay in the second. When only verbal or documentary testimony to a miracle is available, then there must be proof of four reputed miracles. Then two more are required for canonization.

FIND OUT THE FACTS

What we insist upon in these pages is that the important thing is to establish the fact of a miracle. It requires almost a miracle to prove a miracle. The inquiry is very searching. Besides the ordinary questions about name, age, physical condition, previous ailments of the one cured and of his family, diagnosis and prognosis, medical chart, physician's opinion, patient's reaction to reme-

dies prior to the cure must be stated in detail. Particular as this may seem, it is not too difficult in hospital cases.

The chief desire is to determine the actual state of the person cured when the alleged miracle occurred. Was there danger of death? Day, hour, place, etc., in which cure occurred. Was it instantaneous, without the aid of natural forces or remedies? Did the symptoms of the illness disappear at once, even though strength did not come back at once? Is the cure permanent?

ENTER THE DOCTOR

The opinion of medical men are important as to the seriousness of the illness,—but they

are not asked to express their opinion as to whether the cure was miraculous or not. That is a matter for the experts attached to the Congregation of Rites to decide.

The next, and equally important matter to find out is this: may the cure be attributed solely to a particular Servant of God? Who was invoked, and how? By mental or vocal prayer? Was it during a triduum or novena? Was votive offering promised or not? Was any relic, medal, picture used? Was the cure simultaneous with the invocation, or soon after? Were others in Heaven invoked, so that the cure might be attributed to them?

FAVORS ATTRIBUTED TO TEKAKWITHA

"A nurse told me this story of about a year ago. A doctor brought her this dying Indian baby (nine months old) and asked her to let him know when the baby died as there was no hope. She tried to put a needle in his little arm but it wouldn't go in the baby was so hydrated. She got a picture of Kateri and placed it on him and said 'you help it as the baby is one of your own.' In two hours a faint spark of life showed and she finally worked some penicillum in through the arm. When the doctor called at 3 a.m. in the morning the baby was breathing normally much to the doctor's alarm and beyond his understanding. In two months the baby left the hospital a well child."

—Everett, Wash.

"I am enclosing an offering which I promised several months ago for the recovery of the wife of one of the boys in my husband's outfit overseas. This boy was called home from Japan because his wife was dying from childbirth. I sent a Tekakwitha medal which I told them to attach to her clothing and although I do not know the exact outcome of the case, I do know that the boy's wife recovered and he was able to return to overseas duty in a short time."

—New Orleans, La.

"Kateri has helped me in so many ways. When three doctors said I had T.B., I turned to the dear little Indian maiden for help. Like a miracle she answered my prayers and

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After two X-rays not a trace of T.B. was on my lungs. Now I am home after a month in the hospital getting stronger each day, and very thankful." —Malta, Mont.

"One of our Sisters here had a very bad cough day and night for a long time. Many doctors gave medicine to her and she did not recover. At last seeing that she did not feel well I gave her a novena and picture with relic of Kateri Tekakwitha, and after a few days the cough disappeared and she is all right. Then I asked her: 'Sister, do you believe in Kateri?' She answered me: 'Yes, Sister, I have faith in the intercession of Tekakwitha.'" —Tlaxcala, Mexico.

"The school my daughter attends put on a play and operetta of which she had one of the single singing parts. The night before the last rehearsal she lost her voice, could only speak in a whisper. However she attempted to play her part before the opening that evening. At rehearsal she became ill with a sore throat and temperature. She was taken to a doctor and sent home. We prayed to the Lily of the Mohawks that she would be able to appear at the next two performances. This almost seemed impossible such could happen in so a short time—but it did, thanks to Tekakwitha. She was able to sing her part and showed no effect of any illness."

—Los Angeles, Cal.

"Enclosed is a thanksgiving offering toward your Cause of little Kateri. I had been praying for a pain in my side to go away, and even though I had been going to a doctor for sometime, it did not seem to clear up and he told me I was facing an operation. Shortly after storming little Kateri, the pain went way. I also prayed that my excessive sneezing would stop or that I would find out what I was allergic to. I didn't find that out, but I did stop that awful sneezing. I feel it is all due to Kateri's intercession."

—Washington, D. C.

"My husband and I are more in debt to Katherine than ever, for since you last heard from me she sent help to me when I was in very serious danger of death. My husband is taking instructions in our faith. Although married for 17 years and attendance on his part at Mass has been perfect, he had neglected to be baptized. All this is help from Katherine. Each week my husband and I set aside a small sum of money from our budget allowance and we call it Katherine's. When we feel it enough to offer as a thanksgiving gift we shall send it to you and start over again, as we will never be able to do enough for her."

—Lexington, Ky.

"I wish to express my thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha for restoring my brother to health after a novena was made and her relic applied, and also that he has had health to continue working."

—Missoula, Mont.

"I promised to spread devotion in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks for a favor granted through her intercession. There was a little mix up with a cash register where I work. Another party and I handle the cash and I asked Kateri in my prayers to help me prove that I was in the clear and would not lose my job. Sure enough when the boss checked, the other party admitted what she had done."

—Gretna, La.

"Tekakwitha got good steady work for a man who has five children—couldn't succeed in getting steady employment. He is well settled now—good salary. Thanking her every day."

—Rochester, N. Y.

"I am a real estate agent and every home that I place a picture of Catherine Tekakwitha is sold. I have received many favors from her. I must have sold five houses in the last five months."

—Cleveland, Ohio.

"Enclosed find a small offering in thanksgiving for a favor obtained through the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha, for which we promised publication. One of our convent buildings was badly in need of repairs, and funds were lacking for the same. Our Mother Superior suggested that we make a novena to Catherine. We did so, and before the novena was finished we received a donation of \$500.00. We made a second novena for the same intention, and received another donation of \$500.00."

—Indianapolis, Ind.

"The members of our senior class called on Kateri for help in their Regents examination and all but one made the grade. Again her help was called in the production of the senior play, 'The Princess of the Mohawks.' This play was a tremendous success. Tekakwitha even saw to it that the most gorgeous Indian costumes were placed quite unexpectedly at the disposal of the cast."

—Lockport, N. Y.

"A considerable sum of money was given to us by my husband's mother which will enable us to obtain two very important things—our own home and the peace that will come with this movement. It was a miracle to us, as we never expected such a thing. We wish to thank God and little Kateri."

—Montebello, Cal.

"We have received a very great favor from Kateri, and want to say thank you."

—Cleveland, O.

"Again I have prayed to Kateri for a special intention and she answered my prayer. For this I am very grateful to her. I have told several persons about my good fortune and now they pray to her."—Batavia, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

		Property Bought and	
Cures	12	Sold	2
Apartment	3	Relief in Distress	15
Financial Aid	7	Safe Delivery	2
Not Specified	80		

PETITIONS

Cures	36	Relief in Distress	20
Conversion	3	Safe Delivery	5
Employment	4	Sale of Property	7
Financial Aid	18	Not Specified	42

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