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**The Peace of Christ at This Holy Season
to All Friends of the League and Clients of
Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha
from the Vice-Postulator and The Staff**

FOREST PILGRIM

Ke-We-Ge-Waun
I Wish to Go into Thy Lodge

*That which I seek I always loved;
Love bent the bough
Which swung my infant cries to sleep,
Love leads me now.*

*I seek a Friend Who hides from me
Where is He then?
This long, long while I find no track
Of His moccasin.*

*I find Him not in the green-leaf lodge.
Is He on the lake?
I shade my sight. There His canoe
Has left no wake.*

*I lay my ear to the earth. No sound.
Where has He gone?
I cry into the ear of the dark:
Ke-we-ge-waun!*

*All round the circle of the sky
His voice I hear.
Could He hear the beating of my heart,
He would appear.*

*O, let Him rise above the hill
Into the air!
O, let Him come from behind the cloud,
If He be there!*

*Low sounds fall from the empty camps
Beyond the moon.
I pale with all this waiting;—
Will He come soon?*

*O Father! Take me to Thy lodge!
Sore to be gone
My heart sends out this far-off cry:
Ke-we-ge-waun!*

In Memoriam

On Monday, November 30, the Fifth Anniversary Requiem Mass was celebrated for the soul of the late Father John J. Wynne, S.J., who sparked so many apostolic works during his life, was largely responsible for the success of the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, and the *Canonization of the North American Martyrs* in 1930, and who 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 Tekakwitha Staff and Gilmary Society at Our Lady's Chapel, College of St. Francis Xavier, Manhattan. A special intention was made for all deceased members of Tekakwitha League.

UNFOUNDED FOUNDATION

We have seen copies of a mail appeal for funds to "build a Shrine in honor of Tekakwitha" emanating from a "Shrine Foundation," 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, and purporting to represent the Creek Indian Reservation in Lindenhurst, Long Island. Enclosed is an ordinary piece of cardboard ("blessed" according to the appeal) with a rough sketch of a flinthead and a cross, with Venerable Katri (*sic*) Tekakwitha an authentic appeal. The sponsors, supposed to

be "Princess Laughing Eyes," "Princess Blue Moon" and Council, if they are Catholic Indians at all, should know, first of all how to spell the Venerable Servant of God's name, secondly that she cannot be invoked or have a shrine built in her honor, even though use of our copyrighted picture and the official Prayer for Beatification are included as a "come-on." We are sure real friends of Kateri will not be taken in.

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Those who have already renewed their subscriptions are asked to ignore this request.



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PROGRESS AT AURIESVILLE AND FONDA

We made our annual Pilgrimage to Auriesville, Kateri's birthplace, and Caughnawaga, across the river near Fonda, on the Feast of the Martyrs. We are happy to report that the Tekakwitha Lodge Museum, which was established in 1949 through the gifts of Tekakwitha League, is being constantly improved and embellished. Artefacts and Kateriana have been neatly catalogued and candled.

Where the Caughnawaga (Gandaouaga) castle existed from the years 1666-7 to 1693, now administered by the Franciscan Fathers, with Father Thomas Grassmann, Director, the actual position and extent were authentically

established by excavations made during the year 1950 and continuing now. The entire double lines of the stockade posts of this Mohawk village have been brought to light and fully recorded, as also the lines of the actual long houses and other sites within the palisades. The place where Tekakwitha was spiritually reborn, is located on the hill now known as the "Sand Flats" about one-half mile west of the present village of Fonda, New York, on the Albany-Utica State Highway No. 5. Real clients of Tekakwitha will not neglect to visit both Auriesville and Fonda during the pilgrimage season.

TEKAKWITHA HELPS SO MANY

"About six years ago I wrote to you telling of our devotion to Kateri Tekakwitha and of the very special intention we had in mind, namely, successful termination of a pregnancy. At that time I had seriously been injured in an automobile accident and was undergoing much surgery, plastic surgery, etc., and was pregnant at the time though the doctors did not know it. However, God was good, and through the intercession of Kateri, a healthy, darling little boy was born to us. We had promised our first baby girl would be named 'Kateri Marie' in thanksgiving. Since I have placed three additional pregnancies under her protection and have two other sons. On March 11 of this year, God finally answered our prayers and sent us a darling daughter and was baptized 'Kateri Marie.' We cannot tell you how happy we are with our little family. We have been deluged with inquiries, etc., ever since people heard our baby's name. We would like to circulate literature and devotion to Kateri. I am enclosing \$1.00, wish it could be more, to cover cost of some religious items."

—Omaha, Neb.

"For sometime I have been anxious to make a small offering to help promote veneration to Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for many answers to requests made by myself and family. She has never failed us.

"One friend was so ill the doctors couldn't complete the operation they were doing as a last chance. After five years she is still working and enjoying good health. She had the relic of Tekakwitha.

"Last year my brother underwent an operation on his eye. He had lost one eye thirty years ago. The eye specialist who has treated the remaining eye for twenty years refused to operate. He was almost blind and suffering pain from the pressure on the eye. He finally found a doctor who would operate only because my brother had such faith that the operation would be successful. He had the relic and we all prayed and thank God in three months he was running his business as before and has better sight since than he has had for six years.

"My granddaughter has just recovered from an attack of jaundice. A few hours after applying Kateri's relic she was better."

—Albany, N. Y.

"Recently I suffered pains in the chest and feared a recurrence of an old ailment. I made a novena to Venerable Kateri and on the ninth day the pains, which had persisted for three weeks previous, left. An X-ray revealed there was no trouble. I am deeply grateful and shall continue to pray for her canonization."

—Gretna, La.

"Enclosed is a small offering I promised for my brother to overcome a serious injury to his neck, and avoid an operation. Doctors and specialists had worked on him for weeks. Then I gave him a relic picture of Venerable Kateri. Soon after, one night he awoke with a very bad pain in his neck, moved his head and something seemed to pop or snap in his spine. He is able to continue with work again. I believe Kateri helped him through our prayers to her for aid she could obtain from heaven."

—Albuquerque, N. M.

"My cousin told me about Kateri, but before I could get started to ask her to find a buyer for my home, my daughter got an abscessed tooth on Monday and was to be bridesmaid at her sister's wedding on Saturday. It was extracted, but would not drain. Both eyes closed and her face swelled. It

was terrible, so I immediately thought of Kateri. I knew it would be an answer from heaven if it cleared in time. Our family doctor is Cathoile and he just shook his head and said, 'I never saw anything like it. I've done all I can, prayer is all I can suggest.' We prayed to Kateri and asked our relatives and friends to do the same. On Friday it started to drain, her eyes opened and the swelling went down, and she was able to attend the wedding."

—Dayton, Ohio.

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PETITIONS

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Obituary

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