

## THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



## THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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### TEKAKWITHA ON TV

The C.B.S. television program, "Lamp Unto My Feet," on February 28, 1954, 10 to 10.30 A.M. E. S. T., will carry a dramatic episode from the life of Kateri Tekakwitha, followed by an interview with the Vice-

Postulator. The dramatization is the work of Father Albert J. Nevins, O.P., and the moderator will be Bill Leonard. Readers of *Lily* are invited to tune in and send us their comments on this program.

### MARIAN YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Among the American shrines dedicated to Our Lady, and therefore richly indulgenced this year, proclaimed MARIAN YEAR by the Holy Father, is the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, at Auriesville, New York, birthplace of our Kateri Tekakwitha. It is suggested that friends of Tekakwitha make a pilgrimage to this sacred place during the summer (May to October), and pray there

for Kateri's early Beatification. And it is but a short trip across the Mohawk to the site of her baptism, Tekakwitha Friary, where the process of staking out the actual site of the Caughnawaga Indian village and St. Peter's Chapel, is now being conducted by Rev. Thomas Grassmann, O.F.M. Conv., and his staff of scientists.

### KATERI TEKAKWITHA ON LONG ISLAND

Much interest has been aroused by the publication in the *New York Sunday News* picture supplement of a series of colored photographs relating to the new (1948) Church of the American Martyrs, 216-16 Union Turnpike, Jamaica, Queens, N. Y. C. Dedicated to St. Isaac Jogues and his Companions, martyred in the years between 1642 and 1650 in New York State and Canada, it has an altar and reredos of hand-hewn

logs, with a log stockade for background. Of particular interest to us are the totem pole and statue of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha standing outside the church. As Kateri was the first fruit of the martyrdoms at Auriesville, it is our fondest hope that it will not be long before her image can be brought inside the church for public veneration. For that miracles are needed, and plenty of prayer!

### NEW BOOKS ON THE LILY

Our brother Postulator for Canada, Father Henri Béchard, S.J., tells us that an Italian biography of Kateri is being prepared by

Father Silvio Zarattini, S.J., of Venice, Italy. This publication, we hope, will quicken the prayers of Catholics all over the world to-

wards the happy consummation of our hopes. We have also read in manuscript a fine new biography of the Lily of the Mohawks, by Marie Bruehle, the accomplished author of the *Life of St. Maria Goretti*. This volume is about ready for printing, and we wish it great success. In *Saints Westward*, the prolific writer, Donald Attwater, has drawn up a collection of informal biographical sketches of some of the heroic and colorful men and women who planted and watered the seed of the Faith in the Western Hemisphere. The book, published by P. J. Kenedy, New

York City, has, as is only proper, a sympathetic chapter on the Mohawk Maiden, our Kateri. "It is difficult," the author writes, "to think ourselves back into so unfamiliar a life as Kateri's. We know more about it than might be expected, and much less than we should like. But it seems clear that, with more than 3,000 miles and 200 years and an infinity of external differences separating them, Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha belonged to the company of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, followers of 'the little way'."

### *Tekakwitha Helps So Many*

"Please accept the enclosed offering for the Cause of dear Kateri Tekakwitha. She certainly has come through again with wonderful help for little Arthur. I am very happy to say his little thumb operation was very successful. He had the very minimum amount of discomfort. The incision is all healed and closed and outside of a scar would not even be noticed. He is also walking alone and to all appearances walks quite as well as all toddlers do. To a very anxious mother these things certainly seem like miracles for our dear Kateri. I cannot speak the words of thanks that are in my heart, but my prayers are constantly going to dear Jesus to please reward her." —Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Thank you for the Kateri leaflets. Will try to spread her devotion in every way I can in thanksgiving for the many favors received." —Detroit, Mich.

"About a year ago, I injured my right hand which caused a small bump to appear in the joint of one of my fingers. The doctor informed me that if it did not disappear, I would need further medical attention. As a result, I became quite worried and my hand began to pain. I was also unable to use it properly. They say that many things are brought about by prayer, so I came to Father B., who gave me a novena leaflet to Catherine Tekakwitha. I said this prayer everyday for several months. One day, without realizing it, I felt of my finger and discovered that this injury had completely disappeared and that the pain had left my hand. I know that Tekakwitha had granted me my favor, which was that this injury would disappear and that I would be able to use my hand properly and I immediately gave thanks to her." —Amsterdam, N. Y.

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"God blessed me with a son and one week later I developed a breast abscess which ordinarily would necessitate an operation. I prayed to Venerable Tekakwitha and applied the relic picture. The following day the abscess burst. The doctor said whatever saint I had been praying to had saved me an operation. In thanksgiving I humbly offer two dollars to help in a tiny way to make her better known."  
—Providence, R. I.

"My little grandson's little dog had been bitten by a mad dog and he in turn bit our little boy. He had to take the Pasteur treatment for fourteen days. Thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha, through her intercession Our Lord heard our prayers."  
—Bay St. Louis, Miss.

"I begged your prayers for a dear friend who was to undergo a major operation. He has recovered, I am happy to say, and as I prayed to Tekakwitha for him, I am offering the enclosed offering in thanksgiving."  
—New York, N. Y.

"I am happy to say the doctor was delighted with the result of the eye operation and says my eyes are 100% due to the prayers that were said for me. One cataract should have been removed a year ago and the result was problematical. I wore the relic badge of Kateri everyday, and still do, and know through her intercession I have my sight today."  
—Dorchester, Mass.

"Enclosed please find my small contribution to the Cause of Venerable Kateri. She always helps me, particularly in trips—one of which I made successfully last week."  
—Corning, N. Y.

"Enclosed is an offering for the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha. My husband and I pray constantly for her canonization. She has been wonderful. She is a real true friend."  
—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Please find enclosed my small offering to further the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha. I have received many favors in the last few years. My prayers were again answered last week."  
—Terre Haute, Ind.

"I am enclosing an offering for the Cause of Kateri. She has been helpful to me and to others whom I have told to invoke her aid."  
—West Roxbury, Mass.

"I am sending this donation as I promised Kateri Tekakwitha I would if she did something special, which she did. Three weeks ago was the first time I heard of her and have been praying to her since."  
—Philadelphia, Pa.

"I promised publication if through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha my father and uncle (both rather elderly) would receive employment. They not only obtained suitable but also comparatively easy well paid work. I, too, prayed for an increase in salary necessary to assist in family support and care of the sick. Two increases were granted. I am enclosing a tiny token of appreciation and shall try to make Kateri better known and loved."  
—Yorkville, N. Y.

"I feel we owe it to the Lily of the Mohawks that through her intercession my daughter-in-law was converted and received her First Holy Communion."  
—Cicero, Ill.

"A relative of ours, a boy stationed in the Philippines, was to have left there March 1st, on a 30-day leave as he was to be married March 14th. For two weeks we didn't hear from him and the wedding had to be cancelled. We were all upset. Finally, I promised Tekakwitha an offering if we heard from him. In a few hours the Navy Department at Washington, D.C., called and said he was all right but couldn't make plane reservations. He reached here March 18th and was married on the 21st."  
—Philadelphia, Pa.

"A few months ago I wrote asking you to send me some novena booklets and medals of Tekakwitha. At that time I had some special favors I wanted to pray for and ask Kateri's help. Am happy to say that most of the many things I asked for have been answered. Here are a few: Employment in my field. Recovery of my father who had a cerebral hemorrhage. He is now on his job again. Recovery of a very dear girl friend who had to undergo two operations. She has had both operations and is recovering nicely. My baby boy was sick in the hospital for two weeks with what we thought might be meningitis. Thanks to Kateri it wasn't that but inflammation of the bowels and he is home again in a healthy condition."

—New Orleans, La.

"The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving for a recovery from coronary thrombosis of a patient through the intercession of Venerable Tekakwitha."

—Columbus, Ohio.

"Several months ago I lost a son 18 years of age, and try as I would the shock was too great for me to forget. The doctor said I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. A friend gave me a relic picture of little Kateri. I prayed and promised her if she would help me to overcome my grief, I would send her an offering from time to time for her canonization. Thanks to her, I am feeling much better."

—Church Point, La.

"Little Catherine is showing her power before Almighty God in our behalf, so we want to show our appreciation. Before we had time to mail our first check another sale was made so we are enclosing another."

—St. Petersburg, Fla.

"I have found great consolation and help since praying to little Catherine as she was unknown to me up until about a year ago."

—Indio, Cal.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	5	Relief in Distress	10
Employment	1	Spiritual and	
Financial Aid	10	Temporal	2
		Not Specified	91

#### PETITIONS

Cures	52	Financial Aid	12
Apartments	6	Relief in Distress	24
Conversions	9	Safe Delivery	3
Employment	7	Sale of Property	3
		Not Specified	63

#### Obituary

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gaetano Arcese, New York, N. Y.  
 Rev. George J. Dacey, Westfield, Mass.  
 Rev. Joseph Dunney, Albany, N. Y.  
 Rev. Joseph Hearn, S.J., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Very Rev. John Hosey, C.S.S.R., Boston, Mass.  
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 Rev. Timothy J. Shanley, New York, N. Y.  
 Rev. Francis X. Talbot, S.J., Washington, D. C.  
 Mother Mary Aloysia, White Plains, N. Y.  
 Mr. Richard Rose, New Orleans, La.  
 Mrs. Mary Tinney, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mr. Ignatius M. Wilkinson, New York, N. Y.

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#### TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE

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