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We heartily congratulate Father Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Canada of the Cause of Beatification of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha on the successful culmination of his plans to have a worthy monument to the Lily at Caughnawaga, where she died in 1680.

On Sunday, August 8, a six-foot bronze statue of Kateri (see cut in this issue) was blessed and unveiled at the Kateri School at St. Francis Xavier Mission, Caughnawaga, P. Q. Archbishop Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, presided. The statue is the work of a famous Canadian artist, Emile Brunet.

We heartily second, at this time, Father Bechard's request for a crusade of prayer to hasten the day when Tekakwitha will be honored on the altars of the Church. Her beatification would be very timely if it occurred in 1956, the three hundredth anniversary of her birth at Auriesville, New

York. That, of course, is up to Divine Providence, as the Cause awaits only the two miracles needed for further progress.

Kateri risked her life by leaving her people in New York to better practice her religion among the missionaries in Canada. She lived a most edifying and holy life at Ste. Catherine de Prairie. Among her titles is that of "Protectress of Canada," and her tomb at the Indian reservation draws many pilgrims. Our readers would do well during the Marian year, if, while visiting shrines in the United States and Canada dedicated to Our Lady, they would include the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, New York, birthplace of Tekakwitha; her baptismal site just across the Mohawk River—Tekakwitha Shrine, Fonda, New York, and the place of her death, Caughnawaga. All of these hallowed places are easy of access by train, plane or bus.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR TEKAKWITHA'S BEATIFICATION

O God, Who, among the many marvels of Thy grace in the New World, didst cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and the St. Lawrence the pure and tender lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech Thee, what we ask: (*here mention your petition*) so that this little lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the hon-

ors of the altar by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and her faith, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**NEW
TEKAKWITHA MONUMENT
AT
CAUGHNAWAGA**

KATERI

Born at Auriesville, N. Y., 1656

Baptized at Fonda, N. Y., 1676

Died at Caughnawaga, Canada, 1680

Declared Venerable, January 3, 1943

TEKAKWITHA

Indian children earn their names by doing something indicative of their character. Some say Tekakwitha means "putting things in order." Certainly she moved before her everything which stood in the way of her finding God.

The name is not hard to pronounce: Te-ga-kwet-ha, h—rough. It sounds very pretty on the lips of the little Indian children. Kateri, of course, is Indian for Catherine. She is also called "Good Catherine, due to her role as Lady Bountiful to the many who invoke her. "Wonder worker" is another name she has won for her signal blessings. She has also been called "Genevieve of New France," after the patroness of Paris. It was the second Bishop of Quebec, Saint-Vallier, who thus styled her eight years after her death. "Iroquois Virgin" was the name given her by her first biographer, who had also been her director. She is perhaps most familiarly known as "Lily of the Mohawks."

In accordance with the Decree of Pope Urban, VIII, March 13, 1625, the words *Virgin Miracle*, in these pages, are used with no thought of anticipating the decisions of the Church regarding the Servant of God herein mentioned.

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"When my husband and I had been married a year and still had not been blessed with a child, we sought the advice of doctors. We continued treatment along this line for over two years without any results. In October of 1952, while rehearsing for my sister's wedding, my husband was attracted to a poster in the back of the church that read in large letters—"Need a Miracle," and then went on to tell about Catherine Tekakwitha. That same night we started our own little novena to Tekakwitha, and, in fact, we promised that if she and our Blessed Lady would go to God with our request and it was granted, we would name our first daughter in their honor, Catherine Mary. In January of 1953 we found our prayers were to be answered. Naturally, we thought for sure the expected child would be a girl, but we became the proud parents of a fine, healthy baby boy. Needless to say, we still intend to name our first daughter Catherine Mary. All of our relatives and friends have heard about Kateri through us and we certainly hope in this small way to make her better known."

—Detroit, Mich.

"Again it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge a favor received through Kateri and enclose a token of thanks. Several years ago I had a severe arm injury. After months of medical treatment it was much better. In the years that followed I had normal use of it and not too much pain, unless it got cold, or I lifted anything heavy. Then, for some reason, this time last year it acted up and all through 1953 it was painful. By November I had scant use of it. I consulted a doctor. He said that nothing could be done—'give it plenty of heat and take aspirin when the pain is too great.' I used the heat lamp regularly but could see little improvement. I became very discouraged and thought of seeking new medical advice.

Then I decided to make a novena to Tekakwitha. Within a few days I began to get relief and now the arm is comparatively well again."

—New York, N. Y.

"I promised Kateri the enclosed in thanksgiving for her Cause. She helped my grandson who had something in his legs from the seashore. The doctor gave him some medicine and applications but these gave him great pain and burned very much. When I saw that nothing helped him, I pinned on his clothes a reliquary of Venerable Tekakwitha and believe me in two days he was completely well, and has no more signs of the sickness."

—Havana, Cuba.

"I have had TB and was in bed for a number of years. Then a priest who used to be in our parish told me to pray to Kateri Tekakwitha. Now I am up and around and I always feel as if she has helped me in so many ways."

—Albany, N. Y.

"Our daughter, Margaret Kateri, had an eye infection and after twice applying Venerable Tekakwitha's relic picture it cleared up."

—St. Paul, Minn.

"We cannot tell how many favors Kateri has obtained for us. The last one has made us so very happy. My husband, who is 80 years old, asked for a priest and was baptized and made his First Holy Communion. He will never be able to go to church as he is handicapped and will never be able to walk, but to know he is a Catholic means so much to me. He has been saying the little prayer to Kateri every night for twelve years. I know she always helps us when we ask her."

—Indio, Calif.

"I promised Venerable Tekakwitha the enclosed offering if my son would make his Easter duty. My prayers were answered. He also attended the Forty Hours and since

then goes to Mass every Sunday. I had sent for one of Kateri's medals and had him wearing it. Ever since then he changed quite a bit. Once again 'many thanks' for her great help."
—Linwood, Mass.

"As usual I am indebted to our Venerable Kateri. Two of my Junior Catholic Daughters were engaged to non-Catholics. They made a novena to Kateri, one resulted in a conversion, and the other had no difficulty being married in the church. Then again the precious Lily came to our rescue when my husband's work became far too strenuous for him. He was very nervous. I prayed to Kateri and on the ninth day a telephone call came offering him the managership of a hotel. He had been a manager before and always wanted to go back to it. Last but not least, our son was offered an assistantship at the university when he received his degree, but no word came, so again I implored 'the Lily.' Two weeks before school opened for the fall semester word came that he was appointed to teach Comparative Anatomy and take a full graduate course. Kateri has been very good and generous, and I want to spread the devotion as much as possible, so please send me some novena leaflets."

—Raton, New Mexico.

"For years little Kateri has been the patron of our family. Many favors have been granted me through her intercession, and I am happy to send this small token of our devotion to her."
—Harrison, N. Y.

"Please accept the enclosed contribution to the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha. I am so grateful to the Little Indian Maiden. She has not only helped me but many of my friends."
—San Francisco, Calif.

"Just a small check for the Cause of the canonization of the Good Indian Girl. She has been very good to me and my people in the parish."
—Burlington, N. J.

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