

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## SIXTY YEARS YOUNG

In the latter part of October, this year, Father Charles Miccinelli, S.J., Postulator at Rome for the Cause of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha and other Causes connected with the Jesuit Order, will celebrate the culmination of sixty golden years as a Jesuit. We

invite your prayers of thanksgiving on this occasion, and an increase in your prayerful efforts to move God to grant, through the Lily's intercession, the miracles required for her Beatification.

## POSITION CLARIFIED

We have had occasion recently to object where several over-devout clients of Tekakwitha seem to have "beaten the gun" as it were, and anticipated, in their writings or devotions, the action of the Church in regard to this Servant of God. These objections have not been arbitrary or picayune. As an example of what is required by ecclesiastical authority before a Cause is allowed to progress, we have thought it wise to print here the various points brought up in the Apostolic Process.

*Cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha*

The Rev. John J. Wynne, Vice-Postulator, duly designated in the above named Cause, submits the following Propositions and Articles to show that public worship has not been offered to the said Servant of God, that the Decrees of Urban VIII of holy memory have been observed, requesting earnestly that they be accepted and admitted for proof and that witnesses may be summoned to be examined on them; without however, assuming the

task of superfluous proof, and reserving the right to submit other Propositions and Articles as may be necessary and as he may please.

Therefore he proposes and wishes and intends to prove as follows:

1. That it was and is true that the Servant of God, Catherine Tekakwitha, departed this life April 17, 1680, at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, on the St. Lawrence River, Canada, and that her sanctity and singular graces won the great esteem of her people; that a great crowd of people came to review her remains at the house where they were exposed until her funeral; that a multitude of people attended her obsequies and her burial in the cemetery of the mission. Because of the renown of this Servant of God for holiness, which is widespread, a great many still visit the place of her burial. However, in all this there never has been, and there is not now, any sign of solemn and ecclesiastical public worship by which the decree of Urban VIII, of holy memory, has been violated.

Which will be proved by well informed witnesses who will give the source of their information of what they have seen or heard; it is also a public and well-known tradition.

## 2. *Images, etc.*

That, to satisfy the desire of the faithful because of the renown of the Servant of God for holiness, her images have been painted, carved and cast, but they have never borne raised aureolas, diadems or the inscription Blessed or Saint or any other which would indicate public worship and veneration.

## 3. *Not in the Church.*

That the images of the Servant of God whether painted, or carved, or cast, have never been exposed for the public veneration of the faithful in churches or in oratories or any other sacred place; they have never been carried in processions or hung upon her tomb; nor placed in churches and oratories alongside images of the saints and blessed.

## 4. *Lamps and candles.*

That the relics of the Servant of God, although eagerly sought after, have never been placed upon the altar, exposed for public veneration, or carried in processions, or placed alongside of the relics of saints and blessed. Nor have lamps or candles or other lights been lit at her tomb or before her images or relics.

## 5. *Thanks offerings.*

That although a great many favors are attributed to the intercession of the Servant of God, still when thanks offerings to God are made for favors obtained through her invocation, they are never placed as votive tablets or in any other form at her tomb or in the church or in any other public place, but kept in a separate and private place.

## 6. *Titles.*

That before the painted or carved images of the Servant of God or at her sepulchre or in any other place there are found no eulogies, epitaphs, inscriptions, which give or suggest the title of saint or blessed or any other which might indicate public worship. Moreover, although the aforesaid Servant of God is considered by all as a Saint, never by word of mouth, writing, whether public or private, in manuscript or in type, is she honored by the title of saint or blessed. Nor are eulogies pronounced of her which would imply public or ecclesiastical worship.

## *Conclusion:*

The above points were attested to by the late Father Wynne, S.J. It has been the duty of successive Vice-Postulators to see that the conditions above related are still in existence.

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## THE MONTH'S MAIL ABOUT TEKAKWITHA

"Recently a young friend of ours had a lump removed from his leg. The tumor was submitted to an excellent pathologist who pronounced it a rapidly spreading type of malignancy. The family, all rather devout Catholics, began praying each to his or her favorite Saint, and all to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When I heard of their dreadful misfortune, I sent them my reliquary of Venerable Tekakwitha, along with the prayer leaflet. They began applying the reliquary and saying the prayer to the little Indian Maiden daily, all attended daily Mass and received Holy Communion and do so yet. As a last resort, before submitting the boy to extensive surgery, they took him to Mayo Clinic for confirmation of the diagnosis. The doctors there reversed the decision, after studying the slides and the biopsy reports, and X-rays before and after the removal of the tissue. They are withholding final opinion for six months or so, but gave every hope to the boy and his family that the tumor was benign. His leg was saved. They will never forget this tremendous favor. They give much credit to Venerable Tekakwitha and will continue imploring her aid."

—Clarion, Iowa.

"Kateri has been so gracious with her help we cannot praise her enough. My mother has had very poor eyesight the last few years, due to a blood clot bursting behind the eyeball. The doctor found small spots on both eyes about a year ago, and said cataracts were forming. The unfortunate part is they cannot operate due to scar tissue behind the eye. He gave her drops to use and said all we can hope for is they keep from growing. Immediately I gave her Kateri's prayer, made her promise to say it everyday, and I would do the same. Last

week she was to the doctor for her check-up. He said she is doing fine and has not lost any ground, in fact the scar tissue is softening, and that if he has to operate there is a chance of it healing. We are all so grateful to Tekakwitha."

—Bellevue, Ky.

"The attached check is a belated payment of a pledge made last year to Kateri when my wife almost lost her life as a result of a ruptured tubular pregnancy, but was blessed with a remarkable recovery following an emergency operation. The small lithograph with silk applied to relics was placed on her chest and remained throughout the operation and later until she was declared out of danger."

—New Orleans, La.

"Several months ago my uncle was very ill. He was in the hospital a few weeks and while still in a very weakened condition, he had to undergo an operation. I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha that he would come out of everything all right. Thanks to her intercession the operation was a success and his condition has been improving steadily."

—Brooklyn, N. Y.

"My little daughter was very sick in the hospital with a severe case of influenza. Just an hour after I pinned on her a reliquary of Venerable Tekakwitha she showed a miraculous improvement."

—New Orleans, La.

"My husband has varicose veins and was just about to give up and have surgery to help heal an ulcer, when it suddenly began to heal through the intercession of Venerable Kateri."

—Pine Bluff, Ark.

"Venerable Tekakwitha has been helping me right along. My health is improving and when I ask her to aid a sick friend or ill ones in my family, she hears my pleas."

—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I am enclosing a donation to help along with the Cause of Kateri, as she obtained for me a big favor. This was in connection with an accident, when a lens of my glasses was broken, with no bad results to the eye itself."

—Gary, Ind.

"Kateri has been a wonderful help to my family and myself for the past several months, in sickness and trips. Sometimes I wonder if I ask too much from her, but she always comes through. I pray everyday for her."

—Corning, N. Y.

"Enclosed is a small offering I had promised Kateri Tekakwitha. She helped me to get my automobile license, and now I hope she will watch over me always."

—Boston, Mass.

"Kateri helped me so much again since you last heard from me. At the age of 60, I was able to go back to school. The age limit was 45. I always wanted to take a nurse's course, but my parents insisted I take a teacher's course as I was not strong enough to be a nurse. I prayed to Kateri so I could take this Practical Nurses Course. Having given my time as an aid during World War II that work was never forgotten. Three years of it and I enrolled with no trouble and no trouble to do it. I was the only one

over 45. We all studied and worked hard and are only 11 in class left. In two weeks we graduate and take State Board examination in April. Three of us prayed to Kateri and asked her to ask our Blessed Mother to come and help us. What happiness we have doing good to the sick and dying. Kateri also obtained for me many other favors."

—Lafayette, La.

#### ADDITIONAL FAVORS

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