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GREETINGS

The Vice-Postulator for the canonization of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha and the staff of Tekakwitha League wish all friends of the Lily throughout the United States and elsewhere all possible joys at this blessed Christmas season, and a New Year filled with peace.

And may they join with us in the hope that, with the tercentenary of Kateri's birth at Auriesville not too far away, the dear Lord will see fit to glorify our Servant of God through the miracles required for the further advancement of her Cause.

IN MEMORIAM

On Tuesday, November 30, an Anniversary Mass was celebrated by Father Coffey at Our Lady's Altar, Church of St. Francis Xavier, New York City, for the soul of the late great Father John J. Wynne, S.J., in his

lifetime Postulator for the Causes of the North American Martyrs and Kateri Tekakwitha. The Mass was attended by the staff of the League and that of the *Catholic Encyclopedia*.

AN OLD FRIEND RETIRES

The Most Reverend Edmund F. Gibbons, who recently relinquished his office as Bishop of Albany to the Most Reverend William Scully, has been the great and good friend of Kateri's Cause from the very beginning.

The Diocese of Albany to which Bishop Gibbons gave his complete devotion for the past more than thirty-six years, has the distinction of being the only diocese in the United States mentioned in the Divine Office of the Church. That is because Albany is the diocese which has to its credit canonized Saints—Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and John de Lalande.

Long before His Excellency was consecrated Bishop of Albany, the Process for the canonization of the Jesuit Martyrs of North

America had been instituted in Quebec; but soon after his consecration he was authorized by Cardinal Begin, of Quebec, to receive testimony to the history of the holiness and martyrdom of these heroes and their companions who died for the faith.

Bishop Gibbons' devotion to the Martyrs did not begin with his advent to Albany. In the Diocese of Buffalo, where he had labored as a priest, the Martyrs had always been honored with special veneration. To bring the devotion home to him, one of the Sisters teaching at his parish school, St. Theresa's, attributed her remarkable cure, miraculous as many considered it, to prayers during a nine day visit to the Shrine at Auriesville. Sister Mercedes is still living.

The Bishop's devotion is not confined to the Martyrs of Auriesville. He venerates all the Christians, Indian and French, who suffered for the Faith on or near that sacred place, and particularly Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, who was born there and who is regarded as the fruit of the Martyrs' blood. To him and the tribunal of priests of his diocese, whom he selected to conduct the initial Process for the beatification of Kateri, is due special credit for the care with which they observed the canons regulating such work.

When the late Father Wynne remarked to the one who would have to guide this Cause in Rome that very likely the Process would be instituted in the Diocese of Albany, the hearty rejoinder was: "Fine! The Bishop there has a reputation for doing all things properly." When the Report of the Process reached Rome, the comment of many was:

"Seldom has a Process of Beatification been better prepared and documented."

That is why the Cause has advanced so favorably, and why Tekakwitha is already Venerable. Bishop Gibbons purchased the site of her Baptism, above Fonda, now in possession of the Conventual Franciscans, with the zealous Father Thomas Grassmann making remarkable progress in identifying the old Caughnawaga site.

The thanks and prayers of Tekakwitha League go with Bishop Gibbons as he begins his "second spring" amid the serene environs of Mater Christi Seminary where he will make his home.

We know, too, that Bishop Scully is equally interested in the advancement of Tekakwitha's Cause. It remains for us, her friends and clients, to storm Heaven for her early glorification.

KATERI ON TV AGAIN

A recent TV presentation over CBS under the title, "The Fourth R," utilized the innocent life of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha as background for an exposition of one of the Commandments of God by the popular Sister Marie Charles. The response from both

children and adults was most heartening to us, as was the reaction to our earlier TV drama and interview on Kateri over the same network. If any of the *Lily's* readers would be interested in the script of Sister's program, we can arrange to send a copy to them.

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THE MONTH'S MAIL ABOUT TEKAKWITHA

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the many favors I have received through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. Although I have received countless answers to my prayers to her, I am most indebted to her for saving the sight of one of my eyes. I was in an accident a year or so ago, and had my eye badly cut by glass. I prayed to her for help and my prayers were answered. The doctors marveled how rapidly and fortunately my eye improved. I offer a small token of thanks to her and ask you to remember a small thanks from me in one of your Masses."

—St. Louis, Mo.

"Through visiting a church last summer, I became acquainted with the Lily of the Mohawks. Several of my friends and family have since become interested and have appealed to her with success. One case was a friend and neighbor who underwent a major operation. The doctor advised the family before operating he fully expected to find cancer present. I gave the patient a medal and a copy of the prayers. They were taken to the hospital and said fervently up to the hour of the operation. It developed into a complicated surgical case, but not one trace of cancer. The party has convalesced excellently and is living her normal life and gaining weight."

—Detroit, Mich.

"Catherine Tekakwitha has done great wonders for us. About two months ago I wrote telling you that my father had no employment, and asking for the prayers to Catherine. Well my father has temporary employment now, and my mother was back to her old job the other day. Out of 67 men, 27 were picked, and my father was one of them. Soon after he started to work, he

began having trouble with his hip, in fact he could hardly walk. That night he put Catherine's relic picture on his hip and now you would never believe anything was wrong. I made a promise to her to try in my little way to spread devotion to her, and pray to God that she may become a Saint."

—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I am very anxious to make Tekakwitha known and loved as the first favor I asked her I received. I had fallen and injured my right hand and could not open it. I prayed a few 'Hail, Marys' to her and miraculously the hand opened and I have had the use of it ever since. I am most grateful to her."

—Nashua, N. H.

"You will find enclosed an offering for a favor received, a promise to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and the Lily of the Mohawks. I have had neuritis in my shoulders and arms for about a year. I don't expect a lot at my age, 72, but it is nice to know some one could help relieve the pain."

—Springfield, Ill.

"A former student of Mt. Carmel, a good Catholic and a dear friend, had almost lost hope of increasing her family after suffering four miscarriages but she placed herself under the protection of our Venerable Kateri and promised to call her next baby Catherine in her honor if a girl. Her little girl was born October 9."

—Abbeville, La.

"Enclosed is a thanksgiving offering to help our little Venerable Kateri to be made Blessed. She has really been wonderful. She cleared up my side again averting an operation, and also cleared up a job situation which was making me miserable."

—Washington, D. C.

"With grateful hearts we are sending the enclosed offering for the Cause of Venerable Tekakwitha. For the last three and one-half years we prayed for the recovery of a very seriously depressed Priest, asking Venerable Tekakwitha and St. Frances Cabrini to intercede for his recovery. Father has snapped out recently and now says Mass daily. He and we wish to acknowledge publicly this favor of recovery."

—Milwaukee, Wis.

"Kateri always sees us through the pressing problems of presenting the high school variety show we do yearly. Last year, I failed to acknowledge her aid with a donation, so this year I would like to make up for it."

—New Brunswick, N. J.

"I am enclosing an offering to Kateri, in gratitude for her quick response to my novena to her. Several months ago I became ill and was ordered to bed for a couple of months. I have three little children and had no close relative or friend who was able to come in and manage my home. I needed a housekeeper desperately, but was hesitant to hire just anyone, having had bitter experiences with help previously. A friend told me of Kateri of whom I had never heard of before, and I started praying to her to send

me someone reliable. After a considerable amount of investigating, I hired a girl and she is with us still, two months later. I was overwhelmed to have been helped by Kateri so quickly. I am still praying to her in thanksgiving and for my cure."

—University Heights, Ohio.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	4	Property Sold	1
Employment	3	Relief in Distress	6
Financial Aid	1	Successful Operation	2
Not Specified	44		

PETITIONS

Cures	43	Relief in Distress	10
Conversions	11	Rent Apartment	2
Employment	2	Sell Property	2
Financial Aid	14	Successful Operation	2
Not Specified	49		

Obituary

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