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OTHER CAUSES

We had a cordial visit the other day with Father Francis J. Litz, C.S.S.R., recently appointed Vice-Postulator of the Cause of the Venerable Bishop John N. Neumann, C.S.S.R. Father Litz is anxious to hear from Americans who are devoted to the memory of the saintly Redemptorist. His Cause, canonically, parallels Tekakwitha's, since both have been declared to have possessed heroic virtues, and have been declared *Venerable*. Bishop Neumann, born in Bohemia, as a diocesan priest cared for the souls of German immigrants near Niagara Falls, 1836-40. In the latter

year he became a Redemptorist, built parishes and rose to high office in his Congregation. Made Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852, his life was indefatigable and holy. Fifty churches in five years, a preparatory seminary, the introduction of sisterhoods for girls and the Christian Brothers for boys, are proof of his zeal. He died in Philadelphia, and his tomb may be visited at St. Peter's Church there. Further information may be obtained by writing to Father Litz there—1019 N. Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PIUS IX AND MOTHER SETON

Another important appointment was made lately in the naming as Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Pope Pius IX, "Pope of the Immaculate Conception," of Father Salvator M. Burgio, C.M. Father Burgio has been, since 1939, Vice-Postulator of the Cause of Mother Seton. In a recent number of the *Mother Seton Guild Bulletin*, tribute is paid to our own late Father John Wynne, S.J. The author says: "Realizing that Causes of Canonization in the United States are still in the pioneer stage, Father Burgio sought the

tutorship of Father Wynne, who was then Vice-Postulator of Tekakwitha's Cause, and who had helped immeasurably to pave the way for the Canonization, in 1930, of the North American Martyrs. Father Wynne is considered the *Father* of Vice-Postulators in the United States. His guidance has made possible the effective promotion of Mother Seton's Cause. Information on both Causes—Mother Seton's, and that of Pope Pius IX—may be obtained from Father Burgio at P. O. Box 176, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

MARTYRS OF THE UNITED STATES

It is perhaps not widely known that joint beatification and canonization is being sought for one hundred and sixteen (perhaps five more) Martyrs who died on the American scene. The list was compiled under the direction of Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie, Pa., and sent to the Congregation of Rites at Rome by Cardinal Dougherty, late Archbishop of Philadelphia. The roster begins with the proto-martyr of the United States, Father Juan de Padilla, Franciscan, who died,

probably in Central Kansas in 1542, a full century before St. Rene Goupil, first of the canonized North American Martyrs to die in New York State. The list ends with a diocesan priest, Father James Edwin Coyle, of Mobile, Alabama, who died August 10, 1921. This formidable record of martyrdom for the faith in the United States includes Franciscans, Dominicans, Diocesan priests, Jesuits, Sulpicians, an Archbishop, Indian laymen and French soldiers.

OUR OWN CAUSE

New biographies of Tekakwitha have been published or are in the making. *Treasure of the Mohawks*, by Teri Martini, is for children, published by St. Anthony Guild Press. *I am Indian*, a fifty-page brochure by Father Gualbert Brunsman, O.S.B., may be obtained at St. Paul's Indian Mission, Marty, South Dakota. Farrar and Straus of New York will publish a biography in English, and at the same time in French, by Bernadette Savard and Evelyn Brown. From Paris we hear Agnes Richomme's illustrated album on Kateri will appear this Spring in the series *Belles histoires et belles vies* (Editions Fleurus, Paris Ve) with a preface by His

Eminence Cardinal Léger of Montreal. A new film script for television and movies, as well as a three-act play on Tekakwitha are being prepared by Mary Productions of Dumont, N. J. And while all this interesting literary activity is proceeding, would any of Kateri's artist clients like to try their hand at a definitive painting?

There is nothing we can add at this time to what you already know from these pages about the progress of Kateri's Cause. We are still awaiting, prayerfully and hopefully, the two definitely accepted miracles needed to assure the Lily that next long step to the altar.

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

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Thanksgivings

"I must tell you about the sale of the house, so that we could move to the new one! As you know, we had been waiting for the loan to come through — waiting for months. The people who wanted the house came to see it the day your letter about, and prayer to, Kateri came, so we thought that perhaps she had undertaken our "project". But the waiting and waiting, with "please Kateri, pretty soon, huh? whispered each night didn't seem to help very much. Finally I really "told her off" saying, "I'm sick and tired of this waiting; You must not want to be a saint very badly if that is how hard you work. Unless the loan comes through tomorrow, not the day after tomorrow, or a week from tomorrow, but *tomorrow*, I won't ever pray to you again. But, if it does, seeing as how "white man's money" doesn't seem to tempt you, I'll go to Mass and Communion everyday for the next week for your Beatification." Believe it or not, the next morning, before I was even up, the phone rang and the real estate man told my mother that the loan was through and the deal could be closed. The next day, I began my pilgrimage to Church. I had a "debt" to pay! I am writing from our new house."

—Piqua, Ohio

"The enclosed donation is a very small amount for the many favors received from Venerable Tekakwitha. As a little girl, I remember my father praying to her for many intentions, and now that I have three little boys, I find myself praying to her often also. It would be difficult to enumerate the many favors received through Kateri's intercession, among them an unbelievable remarkable and speedy recovery from pneumonia of my oldest son. We shall pray to her always."

—Lafayetteville, N. Y.

"On account of my age it seemed I could not find work. I prayed to Tekakwitha and she obtained for me a good job. Now I am working and love it. The enclosed is to help further Kateri's Cause, in thanksgiving."

—Lafayette, La.

"My husband suffered a severe heart attack four and a half months ago. Coronary occlusion with considerable heart damage. He was in an oxygen tent for five and a half weeks. My children and I prayed to Tekakwitha, that if it be God's Will, to ask Him to spare us our father and husband. Thanks be to God and Tekakwitha's intercession, he is home and well on his way to recovery. Please send me more leaflets, as I gave out all I had in the hospital."—Bridgeville, Pa.

"Another thank you to Kateri for answering my request for a recovery from two serious operations, and also to collect my hospitalization insurance which was held up for over four months."—Cochran, Pa.

"Am enclosing an offering which kindly use to help make Venerable Kateri better known. When last I wrote, I asked for her intercession for my mother's health and my finances. My mother did not need an operation, and I received a check from sources I did not expect and was able to purchase badly needed appliances."—Suffern, N. Y.

"Please accept this offering for Kateri's Cause for favors received. My sister's daughter had a safe delivery, but when the baby was fed he would bring up all the milk. The doctors ordered him back to the hospital for an operation. My sister promised Kateri if she would cure him without an operation she would send a donation. He is now a fine fat baby, and can eat his food and drink his bottle without any trouble."

—Wilmington, Del.

"Herewith is a small offering to help the Cause of our beloved Kateri. She has continued to help us in many ways. One, that to us is indeed a miracle, is the way our ten-year-old son has gained weight. He would eat only baby food and we were very worried that this might impair his health seriously. We tried all the doctors that were recommended to us, and many different ways to induce him to eat, but to no avail. I prayed to Little Kateri to help us as we had given up hope. To our amazement he began to eat foods that he would not touch before. This happened almost overnight and we still cannot get over our amazement, not to mention our thankfulness. I had to buy a complete wardrobe for him at the beginning of school and I'm afraid we shall soon have to buy him larger clothes."—Montebello, Calif.

"I am enclosing a check as an offering of thanksgiving for the graces received from God by the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha in the successful operation on one of my eyes."—Chicago, Ill.

"I promised the enclosed offering for the Cause of Tekakwitha if we would all go to Holy Communion for Christmas, and if our business would be good for the holidays. She has heard our prayers so many times."

—Fort Plain, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

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| Cures | 5 | Safe Delivery | 1 |
| Conversion | 4 | Sale of Property..... | 1 |
| Employment | 3 | Studies | 1 |
| Financial Aid | 9 | Successful Operation | 4 |
| Relief in Distress.... | 9 | Temporal | 1 |
| Not Specified | | 98 | |

PETITIONS

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| Cures | 73 | Return to Sacraments | 6 |
| Apartment & House | 3 | Sale of Property..... | 4 |
| Conversion | 3 | Spiritual & Temporal | 2 |
| Employment | 14 | Studies | 5 |
| Financial Aid | 21 | Successful Operation | 4 |
| Peace of Mind..... | 4 | Vocations | 3 |
| Relief in Distress.... | 34 | Not Specified | 75 |

Obituary

Most Rev. Robert J. Armstrong, D.D.,
Sacramento, Calif.
Most Rev. Bartholomew Eustace, D.D.,
Haddonfield, N. J.
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