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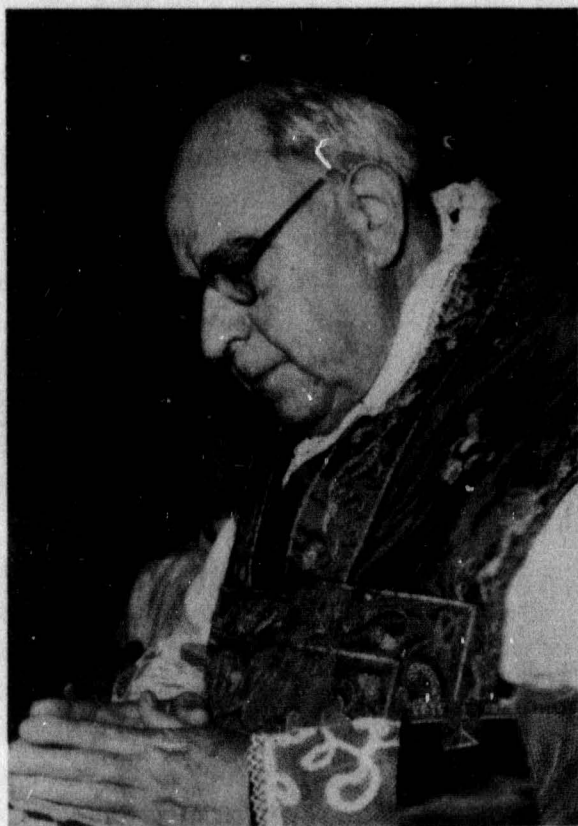
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SALUTE TO A GRAND ROMAN

Tekakwitha's many friends in the United States and Canada will join with us in extending our heartfelt congratulations across the Atlantic to Father Charles Miccinelli, S.J., who celebrates on July 15 the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood. Added to this laurel are others: he is eighty years old, has been a Jesuit for over sixty years, and Postulator in the Holy City for Tekakwitha's Cause for twenty-one years. His quiet activity has been responsible, during the fruitful years of his life as a Jesuit, for the success of many Causes, Jesuit and others. We hope with him that Kateri will soon become another jewel in his crown. Such a happy consummation will require our continued prayers that God will see fit to allow the miracles required through her intercession.



TEKAKWITHA IS FOR THE POOR*

Katherine Tekakwitha's help has been invoked under many titles — "Genevieve of New France", "Lily of the Mohawks", "Wonder-Worker of the new World", "The Holy Indian", and, most beloved of all, "Kateri".

There is still another name to which she may lay claim — "Patroness of the Poor". Kateri's poverty was outstanding, even in an age when it was the order of the day in New

France. When she died, her belongings would hardly have covered the bottom of her coffin. But it was voluntary poverty, not inherited.

According to Iroquois standards, Kateri was born rich and secure. Her father was the ruling war chief of the Mohawk Village of Ossernenon and his daughter was a princess, surrounded with power and plenty. The Mohawks were so powerful at the time

*By Nora Routledge in Kateri; Caganawaga.

of Kateri's birth and during the early years of her life that they were always the aggressors, never the attacked. In her father's long-house, Kateri was well fed, her bed was lavishly supplied with beaver skins and she owned and wore on ceremonial occasions, as her birthright, much valuable and beautiful wampum.

Even growing up, an orphan in her uncle's house, Kateri was surrounded with comfort. Her uncle considered her a valuable possession, for it would be easy to find a young brave to marry her and so add his hunting and fighting skill to the cabin. Anyone would be glad to have a wife like Kateri, whose hands were skilled at all the work required of an Iroquois wife.

Great was the wrath of her uncle and aunts when Kateri refused to marry any of the suitors who came to present their suits. She was deprived of all but the bare necessities and made to work like a slave with the hope of breaking her to their will. But it was all in vain.

That was the first time she chose poverty.

Again, when she became a Christian, no food was left in the long-house for her on Sundays, when she refused to do manual labor on the Lord's Day. Her aunts were sure that she would follow them to the fields when she got hungry enough. Kateri hungered and stayed in the long-house.

The third and final time she chose poverty was at the Mission of the Sault when once again she was urged to marry, so that she would have a husband to provide her with the necessities of life. The matter was referred to Father Cholenec, who pointed out to her the spiritual and worldly reasons why it seemed wise for her to have a husband. But he left the final decision to her — and she said, "The thought of poverty does not frighten me. My work will always supply the food I need, and a few rags are sufficient

to cover me."

With these words, Kateri ranged herself beside the poor forever. They who are dear to the heart of God are especially loved by Kateri and she showed this by practical means shortly after her death. The poor country people from around the Mission were the first pilgrims to her grave and her first miracles were performed for them. We have Father Cholenec's word for that. He says in 1682 hardly a week passed that great miracles did not take place through her intercession. And he adds: "It was noticeable, however, that Katherine limited herself to the country and the poor people for several years, without entering into the cities."

Her own people knew her kindness — the wife of Hot Ashes experienced the healing power of her blanket when she lay dying in childbirth. The women who were tending her, went to the Church to pray, and on their return, found her completely cured. Kateri's blanket had been the visible means of a miracle.

Father LeBrun tells a charming story of a woman who was frantic with worry because her only cow became "vastly swollen" and was of no further use to her. She then called out to Kateri: "O, good Katherine, have pity on me! Save my poor cow!" Her prayer was answered, for God understands the cry of His little ones for their daily bread — and so does Kateri, Patroness of the Poor, who chose to be poor herself.

If Kateri could give the world a message this year — it might well be this:

"Do not let the thought of poverty frighten you; your work will feed you. And as for the security which the twentieth century has raised to the status of a golden goddess, forget her and concentrate on eternal security with your Father in heaven. Put first things first and leave the rest to Him. He who marks the sparrow's fall, will not fail you."

GOOD-BYE TO AN OLD FRIEND

Joseph F. Loughlin, an edifyingly active Catholic layman, whose zeal was crowned by the Holy Father who made him a Knight of St. Gregory, died piously in the Lord on June 19. Mr. Loughlin was president and treasurer of Loughlin Brothers, Printers, and

for more years than can be counted, had been responsible for most of the printing work relating to the Cause of the Jesuit Martyrs, Tekakwitha's Cause, and this quarterly. May he rest in peace.

Thanksgivings

"It's been a long time since I've sent a donation or written you, but it doesn't mean we have forgotten Tekakwitha. In fact, she has granted us a wonderful favor, and that is my reason for sending this letter. On September 17, 1955, my sixteen-year-old nephew was in an automobile accident, and in a critical condition for several weeks. Compound fracture of the leg and ankle, every bone in his foot broken, second and third degree body burns and some internal injuries. Doctor did all he could in surgery, but did not know if he could save his foot, leg or life, and said, "All we could do is pray." Immediately the relic of Tekakwitha was placed on the foot and leg, then we faithfully prayed for his recovery and to walk again. He was in the hospital sixty-five days, Tekakwitha at his side always. When the first cast was removed, doctor was amazed at the improvement of the foot, but still skeptical as to whether he would be able to use it again. Then he was released from the hospital in a body cast. After six weeks it was removed. Doctor again commented it was far better than he ever expected. In removing a steel pin that was through his knee, a bone was chipped, and said it may give him some trouble. After many x-rays, daily exercise and hot applications, a spot on the knee opened. The chipped bone had worked itself to the surface so the doctor could lift it right out. He was very fortunate, as usually they have to go in and get those pieces out. Another month passed

and he was ready for crutches. Six weeks later he started putting weight on the foot, and today is walking fine. In the beginning the doctor told him he'd never play basketball again. He sure thinks differently now. My nephew is a very happy boy, and says he owes it all to Tekakwitha. It has also brought the parents a lot closer together, and there is a big difference in their feelings about religion."—Bellevue, Ky.

"Please accept a small token in appreciation to Kateri Tekakwitha. I graduated from a Jesuit University in 1931, the midst of the depression. With a college education I was successful in landing a job in a filling station for \$25.00 a week. In the following years my progress was slow and I was very discouraged with my future. Through a friend of my good mother, I was given a leaflet prayer to the Indian girl. I said the prayer, promoted in a small way her devotion, and my success, financially, began to develop in numerous ways. Today, after approximately twenty years of devotion to Kateri, I am the president of the company on whose stationery I write, one of the tops in Cleveland. My heartfelt and open thanks to the Indian girl. Please send me more leaflets, a picture or relic if possible, and let me know what I can further do to promote her Cause. Please, may her canonization be soon."

—Cleveland, Ohio.

"Writing to tell you of the considerable change in my husband since I started praying to Kateri Tekakwitha to intercede to God for my intention. For about four years of married life my husband was not interested in my little boy or me, only wanted home to sleep and eat a few meals. He has been spending a little more time at home, and is a little more understanding with us. Still praying and hope a complete understanding is reached between us."—Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I asked the little Indian maiden for so many favors. Among them a suitable house at a reasonable rent, and we got one far beyond our expectations; a way of sending a little adopted girl to her own school; good health; more frequent Holy Communion for a daughter; a wonderful position for a son; a safe journey for him; and many more."

—Harlingen, Texas.

"Thanksgiving offering is for favor received through intercession of Venerable Kateri. I asked for an assignment to be advised as of February 1, to take effect two or three weeks later. I was answered within a week to start February 1. I know from my previous experiences it was only through the intercession of Kateri that this favor was granted. I will continue my daily devotion and hope it is not too far off that we will hear about her beatification."—Denver, Colo.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	6	Safe Trip	2
Employment	3	Safe Delivery	1
Financial Aid	7	Studies	1
Home & Property....	2	Successful Operation	1
Relief in Distress....	12	Temporal	1
Not Specified		61	

PETITIONS

Cures	72	Return to Sacraments	4
Apartment	3	Safe Trip	1
Conversion	4	Sale of Property....	5
Employment	9	Successful Business..	1
Financial Aid	16	Successful Operation	2
Relief in Distress....	20	Not Specified	59

Obituary

Most Rev. R. T. Guilfoyle, D.D., Altoona, Pa.
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