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MORE INDIAN SAINTS?

We noted in the Spring LILY that joint beatification and canonization are being sought for 116 martyrs who died for the Faith on American soil. The list was compiled by Archbishop John Mark Gannon of Erie, Pa., and sent to the Congregation of Rites at Rome by Cardinal Dougherty, late Archbishop of Philadelphia. One of the researchers was the late Father John Wynne, S.J., first American Vice-Postulator for Kateri's Cause.

Since then a carefully prepared book has been published under the direction of Archbishop Gannon. It is edited by Msgr. James Powers, Secretary of the Commission appointed by direction of the American hierarchy. The volume contains the basic stories of heroes who died for the Faith here, beginning with Fr. John de Padilla, O.F.M., who died in Kansas territory in 1542,—and ending with Archbishop Charles Seghers, martyred in Alaska in 1886.

Of special interest to clients of Tekakwitha will be three Indians whose martyrdom seems worthy of consideration. When William III was acknowledged as king of the Colony of New York, the only Catholics in the territory of the Five Nations of the Iroquois were the few lingering converts made by the Jesuit Fathers in the period of the missions, and the French and Indian captives brought in by the war parties of braves, many of them to die in torments at the stake, after enduring the most refined

torture at the hands of their own people rather than give up or deny the Faith that was in them.

Two women and one man of Kateri's race have been chosen as most worthy of the honors of martyrdom. They are Stephen Tegananokoa, martyred 1690; Frances Gonnannhatenah, 1692; and Margaret Garganoguas, 1692. All three were martyred at Onandaga, in what is now the Diocese of Syracuse.

STEPHEN was an edifying Christian of the Sault Saint Marie Mission, who was captured by Cayuga Indians and taken to Onandaga where he was mutilated, tortured, and finally killed. To his executioners he finally said: "I willingly give my life for a God Who shed all His Blood for me". In the eyes of the torturers his unforgivable fault was that he had left his own canton to join the Christian Mission. Before he was dispatched they said: "Pray!" "Yes", he said, "I will pray,"—and as well as he could he made the sign of the Cross with his fettered hands. Furious at this they hacked off his fingers. "Now pray to your God", they cried. Again he made a feeble effort to make the sign of the Cross. "Do with me as you will", his last words were, "I am a Christian and I glory in being one."

FRANCES, two years later, was made a prisoner with her husband and some others and taken to Onandaga. On the scaffold she professed her Faith with heroism, and that

same sign of the Cross which was the death warrant for Rene Goupil fifty years earlier at Auriesville, became the cause of her killing. One of her kinsmen sprang to the scaffold, tore off the crucifix that hung on her breast and cut a cross deep into her flesh. "There", he shouted, "is the cross you love so much!" "Thank you, brother", she replied, "the cross you have wrenched from me I might lose,—but the one you give me I cannot lose even in death". She urged the Indians to become Christians, assured them of her forgiveness, was tortured for three days until finally her brave life ended in a shower of stones.

MARGARET was the daughter of the Tododaho, hereditary chief of the Iroquois League. Taken prisoner in her native field she was taken to Onandaga, there to endure fearful torments for her Faith. The only words escaping from her lips were "Jesus, Mary and Joseph". She asked for water once, but then reflected: "My Saviour suffered great thirst when dying for me,—why should I not suffer the same torment for Him?" From noon to sunset they heaped sufferings on her until at last they threw her quivering body on a pile of wood and consumed her.

THE CAUSE

Two new books on Kateri are in the making, to be published by *Farrar, Cudahy*, and *Benziger* respectively. The three-act play prepared by *Mary Productions*, Belford, N. J., is obtainable there. We wish we

could give some reassuring news about the status of the Cause in Rome, but must continue our prayerful, watchful waiting. Meantime, keep sending in to us reports of favors attributed to Kateri's intercession.

KATERI'S TOMB YIELDS TO PROGRESS

The Mission of St. Francis Xavier was founded by Fr. Peter Raffeix, S.J., in 1667 at what is now La Prairie, Quebec. In the course of time it moved five times. Kateri died at the second site in 1680. Excavation at the fourth site (1696-1717) recently rediscovered, upon land expropriated by the St. Lawrence Seaway, will be renewed at the expense of Kateri's Cause. Frs. Jacques de Lamberville, S. J., and Jacques Bruyas, S.J.,

intimately connected with Tekakwitha, are believed to be buried there. Practically all the riverside from Kateri's cenotaph at Cote Ste-Catherine to the western limit of Caughnawaga is being transformed into an immense canal, which is changing the physical aspect of the Mission. At the spot where Kateri died, the chamber of the lock will contain 24,000,000 gallons of water.

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

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Thanksgivings

"Enclosed is a small offering in thanksgiving for another favor received through Kateri's intercession. I am living on a small pension and recently was offered a temporary job. I wanted to take it but doubted if I could stand the physical stress and strain. However, the need was great so I said "yes" and started to say a special prayer to Tekakwitha daily. In spite of the long hours and a lot of responsibility, my health remained good. I am very grateful and shall continue to pray for her and to her, and try to spread her devotion."—New York, N. Y.

"Please accept the enclosed offering in thanksgiving for our corn crop. Our farm is in the drought country and yet our fields yielded fifteen bushels an acre. I have prayed for years to Tekakwitha to intercede for us when our corn needed rain. We are also grateful to her for my husband's recovery from a very serious operation."

—Heartwell, Neb.

"Kateri has helped me in many ways, but most of all she has answered my prayers where my epileptic seizures are concerned. I have had only two in the past year, whereas I had at least thirty or more in the past."

—New Orleans, La.

"This offering of thanksgiving is for graces received from God through the intercession of Kateri in my recent illness and surgery. I am well again and able to do my work."

—Marion, Ohio.

"Catherine Tekakwitha answered my prayers by obtaining a very special favor from God for me. After twelve years away from my home, I saw my mother for the first time. We both have been praying for this favor and Tekakwitha did not fail us."—Lafayette, La.

"I am writing this letter in appreciation to Kateri Tekakwitha for favor granted. She answered my prayers in regard to the healing of my grandmother's hip which was fractured June 29, 1956. My petition from then, until February 15, 1957 was that she restore her health and permit her to once again walk even if just real slow with our help. Since our last doctor's appointment granny has taken a few steps every other day with our help and she seems to be feeling better each day. I feel that it was through my constant prayers to Kateri that her walking, even though a few steps at a time, was a miracle performed by her."—Albany, N. Y.

"The enclosed small offering is in thanksgiving for a favor and blessing received through the intercession of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha. The day I received the booklet and novena my brother was taken to the hospital with double pneumonia and also a bad heart. He was not expected to live. He was under the oxygen tent for four weeks but thanks to God, His Blessed Mother and Kateri he is well enough now to be up and run his farm. I know the saintly Indian maiden obtained this favor."—Ekron, Ky.

"Back after three days of hospital testing—my fourth trip to Boston during the past year. Glad to be alive and to recall that the fears after the first x-rays a year ago did not materialize. And so a little remembrance of Kateri whose relic was first applied in May of last year."—Amsterdam, N. Y.

"A pain which my wife endured in her arm as a result of an automobile accident two years ago ceased miraculously without medical attention after she made a novena to Venerable Kateri. We are most grateful, and offering is in thanksgiving."

—Detroit, Mich.

"Five years ago I sent a Tekakwitha medal to a friend in Scotland. They have come to be very devoted to her and have great faith in praying to her as they feel their prayers are answered. The following is from a letter they sent to me: 're—the little Lily—Duncan still treasures the medal you sent him, and I must tell you I have greatly improved in health since I started to pray to her. I also lent her picture to a friend who was ill with a slipped disc for the third time, and she was on her feet again soon after. So you see I have reason to be grateful to The Lily of the Mohawks.'"—Detroit, Mich.

"My neighbor wishes to make this donation. Better than a year ago she had a complete collapse of the nerves. Every part of her body shook, and for sometime was unable to walk. I gave her a prayer and reliquary of Tekakwitha, which she has faithfully worn. She is now able to walk alone and do some light housework. She feels the little Indian girl deserves much praise in helping her on the road to recovery."

—Bellevue, Ky.

"Kindly accept my little offering as Kateri is a guiding symbol in my small struggling business."—New York, N. Y.

"I had a bad infection in my mouth and promised I would send a donation if cured. Catherine Tekakwitha helps me in all my troubles."—Brooklyn, N. Y.

ADDITIONAL FAVORS

Cures	5	Safe Delivery	1
Employment	3	Safe Trip	1
Financial Aid	4	Sale of Property.....	2
Marriage Righted ..	1	Successful Operation	2
Relief in Distress....	2	Not Specified	85
Return to Sacraments	1		

PETITIONS

Cures	67	Return to Sacraments	4
Apartments	3	Safe Delivery	5
Conversions	8	Safe Trip	8
Employment	10	Sale of Property.....	5
Financial Aid	16	Studies	3
Peace of Mind.....	3	Successful Operation	3
Relief in Distress....	26	Not Specified	62

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