



Lily of the Mohawks

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GOOD NEWS FROM ROME: CANADIAN BISHOPS AT THE COUNCIL OF VATICAN II PRESENT PETITION TO POPE PAUL FOR THE SPEEDY BEATIFICATION OF VEN. KATERI



Fr. Schlaerth, the Vice-postulator, on the Feast of the North American Martyrs, Sept. 24, 1965 at Auriesville, tells the story of the Lily of the Mohawks to Junior members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who came to honor the Martyrs and Kateri. They were part of the A.O.H. bagpipe corps who marched in the procession. This statue of Kateri stands in a lovely grove near the Kateri Museum on the Shrine grounds, the site of old Ossernenon where Kateri was born in 1656.

It is with joy that we convey the good news which was sent from Rome at the end of the Council on Dec. 8, 1965. In October of the last session of the Council, the hierarchy of Canada—including 2 cardinals, 16 archbishops, 4 ex-archs and 61 bishops—signed a petition asking the Holy Father to beatify Kateri either before the end of the Council or sometime in the immediate future. Cardinal Leger of Quebec presented the request to the Pope in the name of the 88 Canadian Bishops. The Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Cicognani, stated that the Holy Father in his gracious response was indeed **vivemente** interested in this cause and that His Holiness has

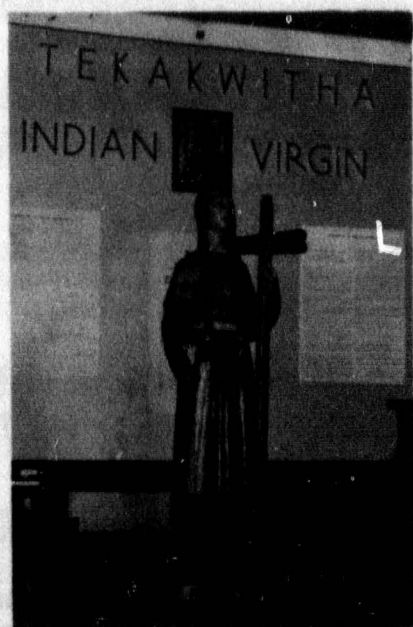
strongly recommended it to the competent Sacred Congregation of Rites.

It should be recalled that in the Public Consistory which Pope John XXIII called on Jan. 19, 1961, in the Basilica of St. Peter's, Tekakwitha was honored by having the Dean of the Consistorial Advocates petition His Holiness to hasten the day when the Lily of the Mohawks might be elevated to the ranks of "the Blessed." The following year began the Apostolic Processes for miracles by the Congregation of Rites at Rome which were interrupted during the sessions of the Council from 1962 to 1965.

Need For Renewal of Interest Now

The present Holy Father's lively interest in the cause speaks well for the future and should give impetus to the devotees of Kateri everywhere to continue to storm heaven with their prayers for her beatification and to make special efforts and sacrifices to promote and spread her cause. The daily prayer of all should be that the marvelous Indian maiden of Auriesville, who "dared to be different" in her chaotic time, whose life Pope Pius XI described a "miracle" and whom Pope Pius XII in 1943 declared a "Venerable" of the Church, may soon be offered to our America, to Canada and to the long-suffering peoples of every race, as a **model** for our times as well as a **marvel** for our youth.

In this issue of the LILY we present a host of favors granted through the intercession of Ven. Kateri during this last half year. It is a testimony to her power before the throne of God and a further spur to continue to ask her help in our needs.



This statue of Kateri, a chromed wood-carving, the work of the late Frank Feigeler of Cairo, N.Y., is now on display in the Kateri Museum at Auriesville. It will be placed in the remaining niche on the palisaded reredos of the Shrine Coliseum church when Tekakwitha is beatified. The Decree declaring Kateri Venerable, mounted on the background board is read each year by thousands of pilgrims visiting Martyrs Shrine.

THE REPORTS OF "THANKSGIVINGS" here recorded are statements excerpted from letters of our correspondents. Official judgment of the favors granted always remains the prerogative of the proper ecclesiastical authorities. Members of the Tekakwitha League are requested to report to us any favors and purported miracles that have been granted through Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha's clear intercession.

HOUSE SOLD: The novena to Kateri was made to sell our large home. At the end of the novena our sister paid a hurried visit to us and told us she was taking down the sign! The house had been sold that morning—an answer to our prayers to the Lily of the Mohawks.
—Tucson, Arizona

MORTGAGE OBTAINED: I had written some time ago giving a donation to further the cause of Kateri and requesting a favor which I promised to report if granted. I had asked to convert a Contract-for-Deed into a Mortgage, which was giving me a lot of trouble, and am happy to state that I was able to obtain the Mortgage and that it came out much better than I had hoped for. I am a member of the Tekakwitha League. St. Cloud, Minn.

ILLNESS CURED: Enclosed my Christmas

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gift for the Tekakwitha League. I was sick and prayed to Kateri and got well, thanks to her intercession.
—River Edge, N.J.

MICROPHONE RETURNED: We care for the religious instruction of about 500 pupils. During one of the Sunday night social hours in the Church Hall the parish microphone was taken. If it was not returned, the Sunday night social hour would probably be discontinued. We prayed earnestly to Ven. Kateri to help us find it. The same day that we discovered it to be missing, the teacher in charge went to the school and, as she was waiting to see one of the band boys who could maybe help her find it, three of the band boys walked by carrying the microphone. They were on their way to use it for a practice. They gave it to the teacher without causing any trouble. We had promised to acknowledge our thanks to Ven. Kateri if the microphone were returned that first day.

—Brigham City, Utah

FAVORS RECEIVED: We, my family, are very grateful for favors received. Enclosed find check for \$50 to be used for the cause of Kateri. Please send twelve Kateri medals.
—Sunset, La.

DAILY PRAYER TO KATERI: The enclosed check is for a perpetual membership for our daughter in the Tekakwitha League. I am a perpetual member since 1962. I learned of Kateri in 1947 and I composed a prayer which I enclose and which I recite each day. To me Kateri is a saint and I hope she will gain sainthood soon.
—Park Ridge, Illinois

SURGERY SUCCESSFUL: Through prayers to Kateri, three favors have been granted to me—two concerning my work and one asking for help when my husband underwent surgery which was successful. I am happy to say that Kateri has never failed me. I enclose a donation which I promised to her cause if these favors were granted.

—Palos Heights, Illinois

ARTHRITIS CURED: Last year I suffered very much with arthritis. Doctors didn't help much. I took my share of drugs. So I prayed to Kateri and pinned her relic card to my underclothes, close to my arthritic leg. I wore it for weeks and kept asking her to help me. She was very faithful for my leg is better and I *mean* better.
—Church Point, La.

BEHAVIOR CORRECTED: My son was at the critical age of almost sixteen when his be-

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havior started to change. From a polite, interested, well-mannered child, he gradually became rude, obnoxious, and developed the hallmarks of a delinquent. From a B plus student, he gradually collected F's, including one in his gym class. A dear friend of mine, to whom I confided my heart-breaking story, prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha asking her to direct him. Abruptly, his whole life changed. One morning he left for school impeccably dressed, his school marks became excellent, his conduct one of a gentleman. Actually, his behavior was nothing short of a miracle, thanks to the prayers of my friend to Kateri Tekakwitha. I wish this letter to be used for the glorification of God and the elevation of His servant Kateri Tekakwitha.

—White Plains, N.Y.

STATE MEDICAL BOARDS PASSED: Am sending this \$50 to further the cause of Kateri. We all prayed that my son would pass his State Medical Boards which were particularly rough. He did pass and we are all very grateful to our Kateri. Do hope she will soon be elevated as she is deserving of it. We all consider Kateri our guardian angel.

—Yonkers, N.Y.

SEIZURES OVERCOME: I'm truly devoted to the little Indian Maiden and indebted to her for interceding to the good God for me. In years past, I was subject to seizures but no more. I haven't had a seizure for 10 years or so. I wear her medal always and that is a powerful weapon. Please send me materials on Kateri so that I can spread devotion to her.

—Salem, South Dakota

SALE OF HOME: Enclosed is a check for \$50 to be used to further the cause of Tekakwitha. It is in thanksgiving for help in selling our home and for the successful retirement of my husband without financial worries for us. Our devotion to Kateri began years ago. We received help the very first novena we made to her and she has helped many times since; it really seems like a miracle.

—Oneland Park, Kansas

DEVOTION IN RIO DE JANEIRO: We have received the *Lily of the Mohawks* and Kateri literature in our Church and have erected a statue in honor of America's Marvelous Maiden. Many Catholics in Rio have great devotion to "This Little Lover of Jesus and of His Cross." My parishioners and I daily

commend ourselves to her and have obtained many favors through her intercession.

—Rio de Janeiro

C.P.A. EXAM: Kateri has helped my son to pass the C.P.A. Exam for Illinois. My grandson was unable to use his right leg properly and his condition was diagnosed as brain damage at birth. After prayers to Kateri it was discovered to be a completely local condition and the worst result will most probably be a slight limp and this may disappear later.

—Chicago, Illinois

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL: Enclosed \$10 is for the Kateri cause which my sister and I promised to send. My sister had a serious operation and there was a possibility of her not coming through it successfully. We prayed so hard to dear Kateri and made our promise. Everything came out well, thanks to our prayers to Kateri.

—Brooklyn, N.Y.

NEIGHBOR TROUBLE: We were unable to get along with our next door neighbors for five years, not even talking to one another. We tried everything to make up and finally promised to pray to Kateri every day for a full year, asking her help. After eight months my neighbors out of nowhere decided to accept us. They now treat us as if we were the most wonderful people on earth. They do anything for us, even without our asking. To us this is a true miracle which we attribute to dear Kateri.

—Warren, Mich.



A group of youthful devotees of the *Lily of the Mohawks* in the Kateri museum at Auriesville are listening to an explanation of the decree of the Holy See which tells of the heroic sanctity of Kateri. Father Schlaerth is also pointing out the symbols she holds in her hands. The Lily is the sign of her vow of chastity and the Cross of her singular devotion to Christ crucified.

MORE THANKSGIVINGS FOR FAVORS RECEIVED THROUGH KATERI

CANCEROUS TUMOR: My sister-in-law had an operation five years ago for a cancerous tumor and again last July and was told she had cancer of a kind that was incurable. She was to have radium treatment and within eight weeks removal of the breast. I went to the Auriesville Shrine where Kateri was born and prayed to Kateri for her cure and promised that if she had no operation and was cured I would have it publicly acknowledged in the LILY. A week after my return after tests in the hospital she was released with no operation and no cancer. My sister-in-law is a non-Catholic and is most grateful to Ven. Kateri.

—West Babylon, L. I., N.Y.

WONDERFUL FAVOR: This check is in Thanks-giving for a wonderful favor received from Kateri Tekakwitha.

—San Jose, Calif.

FAVOR GRANTED: Enclosed find check for \$25 in Thanksgiving for a favor granted and to help her cause.

—Muskegon Heights, Mich.

DRIVER'S TEST: Please accept this offering in thanksgiving for many recent favors received through the intercession of Ven. Kateri. My 'teen-age son asked her help in passing his driver's test. He is sending two dollars from his allowance as his way of saying "Thank you, Kateri." Whenever any of my family are in need of help they ask me to pray to my little Indian girl.

—Southgate, Ky.

SAFE TRIP: Enclosed is a donation for the cause of Tekakwitha in thanksgiving for a safe and enjoyable trip with my sisters and brother-in-law.

—Woodside, N.Y.

NEW HOME CONTRACT: Thanks to the intercessory power of Ven. Kateri we obtained by our prayers to her a contract settlement on our new home.

—Grand Island, N.Y.

BASKETBALL COACH: Two years ago I promised to send \$200 for the Kateri cause if I would land a college basketball coaching job. I became head coach two years ago and never had a losing season. Also because of Kateri's intercession I managed to obtain two degrees while on a basketball scholarship. The enclosed check fulfills my promise.

—Canyon, Texas

NEW HIGH SCHOOL: You can print that we obtained a wonderful location and built our new High School through the help of Kateri Tekakwitha.

—Ottumwa, Iowa

CONVULSIONS: After visits to Auriesville, Kateri's birthplace and the site of her baptism at Fonda, our daughter was free from her convulsions and seizures; the change was immediate after the visits.

—Albany, N.Y.

BROKEN WRIST: On July 17, 1965 I fell and broke my wrist in two places and also did some damage to my leg. I prayed to Kateri and promised to send a donation if the bones would knit properly so that I could use my hand. I have the use of my hand again and I enclose the donation in fulfillment of my promise to further the cause of Kateri.

—Philadelphia, Pa.

WAYS TO MAKE KATERI TEKAKWITHA KNOWN AND LOVED

MEMBERSHIP: In the TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE—including bulletin "Lily of the Mohawks"—one dollar a year. Also occasional donations as a league member for the promotion of the Cause; for office and printing expenses which are needed and welcome always.

REPORT favors, even the small ones and of course miracles, received through her intercession. Thanksgivings will be published in the "Lily" bulletin.

SPREAD HER DEVOTION by passing out her holy cards and literature to your friends and parishioners. By promoting her cause as a project for your club, organization or society, or through the schools in your area. Leaflets and materials can be obtained from the Tekakwitha League at Auriesville, N.Y.

KATERI HOLY PICTURES — small and medium sizes — in color with prayer in English and other various languages—2 for 5¢. Special pictures and prayer with silk applied to Kateri relics, 20¢ each. Large colored picture (6" x 8") in special leatherette frame, 75¢. Postcards in color—5¢ ea. (\$.50 dozen).

TEKAKWITHA NOVENA LEAFLETS — 5¢ ea. **KATERI MEDALS** in a special metal, 20¢ ea.; in sterling silver, \$1.50 (special discount on quantities).

BOOKS: Kateri Tekakwitha, America's **Marvelous Maiden** by Thomas J. Coffey, S.J. (32pp. pamphlet) 25¢ ea. **Kateri of the Mohawks** by Cecilia Buehrle (200pp. paperback) 60¢ ea. **STATUES OF KATERI** for various sizes and prices. Inquire through the Tekakwitha League. (Prices include postage.)

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