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Fr. Henri Bechard, S.J. (left), Vice-postulator of the Kateri cause for Canada, Fr. Michael K. Jacobs, S.J., director of the Kateri Tekakwitha Center at Hogsburg, N.Y., and Fr. William J. Schlaerth, S.J., Vice-postulator of the cause of Kateri in the United States, on a visit to the Center.

FR. BECHARD'S NEW BOOK ON KATERI: The title of the published work in French is: "L'heroique indienne Kateri Tekakwitha" (Fides Press, Montreal, 1967). Based on the documents of the 17th century, it presents for the first time an objective study of the spirituality of the Lily of the Mohawks in the framework of the spirituality of her time.

He is also completing a work on the Indians at Caughnawaga which will include a new sketch on the life of Kateri.

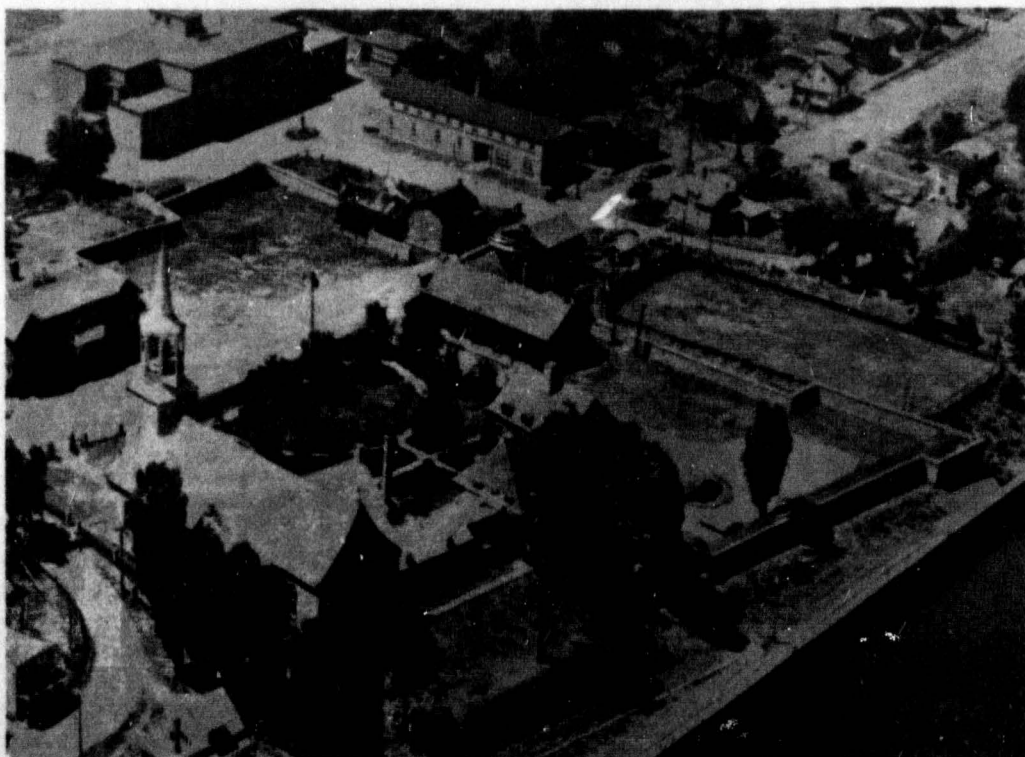
THE TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE: The membership in the League has increased this past year. Its purpose is the fostering and promoting of devotion to Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha. Members subscribe to the "LILY" and on occasion send contributions to help in the printing of leaflets, holy cards and other promotional literature. An initial contribution and a desire to work for the cause entitles one to membership.

A RECORDING AT CAUGHNAWAGA OF THE IROQUOIS MIXED CHOIR: Their record "The singing of a High Mass" in Iroquois may be ordered through the Credo Recording, 806 South St., Peekskill, N.Y. This is the Mass sung each year at the Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., on Indian Sunday in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks.

PROJECT "TEKAKWITHA VESTMENTS": The Indian Art Center group of Cloistered Dominican Nuns at Union City, N.J., is directing talented Indian women of four tribes to earn a suitable wage. The Lumni tribe in Washington do the weaving, the Navajo, the embroidery and silverwork, the Zuni make vestment clasps and the Yangton Sioux at Marty, N.D., assemble the vestment parts. The project is named for Kateri Tekakwitha.

THE AVE MARIA RADIO HOUR has produced dramatizations of Ven. Kateri at St. Christopher's Inn, Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y. Fr. Thomas, S.A., of the Graymoor Friars has also mailed out for us the Kateri prayer cards.

FROM OUR TEKAKWITHA FILE



An aerial view of Caughnawaga, near Montreal, an Indian Mission founded in the 17th century by the Jesuit Blackrobes and still under their direction. Four thousand of the five thousand Iroquois there are Christian. They hold in great honor Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, who won the admiration of all in the mission where she led a saintly life and died in 1680. Her relics have made the Church of Caughnawaga and the Kateri Museum a place of pilgrimage as well as an important historic monument to the past.

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 League and friends of Kateri are asked to report to the Vice-postulator any favors and purported miracles that have been granted through Ven. Kateri's clear intercession.

HEART ATTACK AND SNAKE BITE CURED: A mother suffered a heart attack shortly after the birth of her baby. Her husband made a novena to Kateri and the mother was able to return home with her child. A daughter in the same family was bitten by a poisonous snake and in very serious condition. After prayers to Kateri she recovered completely.—Enugu, Nigeria.

A GRATEFUL FRIEND OF KATERI: "Enclosed is \$205.00 to be used to further the cause and Beatification of Ven. Kateri. She has, indeed, been a very good friend to me, having granted many small favors."—El Paso, Texas.

HEART ATTACK RECOVERY: "Enclosed \$20.00 to aid in the Beatification of Ven. Kateri and especially for thanksgiving for the recovery of my husband from a heart attack through the intercession of Kateri."—St. Louis, Mo.

ARTHRITIS SWELLING DISAPPEARS: After a visit to the Baptismal site at Fonda, N.Y. and the birthday site at Auriesville, N.Y., of Kateri, the large swelling caused by arthritis in the joints of my fingers disappeared. Please send me the Kateri holy cards with the silk applied to her relics.—West Hempstead, N.Y.

FAVOR GRANTED AFTER TWO YEARS OF PRAYER: After praying to Kateri for two years for a final settlement due to an accident which involved five persons, including my husband, who was partly responsible, we received the court verdict which was lighter than we had expected and were able to pay. This favor we attribute to Ven. Kateri.—Lafayette, La.

INSURANCE RECOVERY OF HURRICANE DAMAGE: Our house received over \$4000 damage due to hurricane Betsy. No settlement was forthcoming. We made the novena to Kateri and promised to send \$50 if we received a fair and equitable settlement. A new adjuster was put on our case and our claim was processed promptly, thanks to Kateri. Also my wife received excellent grades in difficult post-graduate work to qualify for a higher rating and this, too, we attribute to answered prayers to Kateri.—New Orleans, La.

KATERI FAVORS ACKNOWLEDGED

BABY SAFELY DELIVERED AND NAMED KATERI: My mother-in-law is a very devoted member of the Tekakwitha League. When I was pregnant and in real danger of my life, I was put in the hospital and told I must lose the baby to save my life! My mother-in-law told us to start a novena to Kateri to save both the baby and myself. I promised to name the baby if a girl, Kateri. The baby was born prematurely but in good health. We called her Kateri. She is my only daughter. I am now a member of the Tekakwitha League.
Lake Charles, La.

HEART ATTACK: A friend of the Vice-postulator of the Kateri cause had a serious heart attack before Christmas. The relic of Kateri was applied and the novena made to her for his recovery. The friend was cured and is now working every day, thanks to Kateri and her intercession.—Syracuse, N.Y.

WILL CONTESTED IN COURT: Enclosed check is a donation promised for a financial petition answered through the intercession of Ven. Kateri. My cousin died leaving a will to be contested in court but the lawyer informed us that none of her cousins were left anything. On investigating it was found that we were entitled to some of the estate. I asked the aid of Kateri and pinned her picture to the correspondence. Thanks to her we received a large amount in five figures and this came at a time when a large mortgage was due. This is only one of many favors granted through her aid these past years.
—Dearborn, Mich.

APARTMENT RENTED: You can print that my brother rented his apartment through the intercession of Kateri. He is now making a novena to Kateri to sell it.
—Ottumwa, Iowa

RASH CURED: For several weeks I was bothered with a rash all over my neck, ears and part of my face. I prayed to Kateri for relief and promised to send a donation if it cleared up. After a week of prayer the rash disappeared, many thanks to Kateri.—Trumbull, Conn.

LOST DIAMOND FOUND: I prayed to Tekakwitha to help us find a diamond my mother had lost out of her earring, which had been lost for ten days. The very day I prayed to her and promised a donation to her cause, the diamond was found.—Lafayette, La.

SPECIAL FAVOR GRANTED: I offered prayers to Kateri for a very special favor, never expecting to obtain it. But a letter arrived from a doctor friend and his family, containing a substantial check totally unexpected and unsolicited to help me in my dire need. Please send me some holy cards of Kateri and her plaque.—Pasco, Wash.

EXTENDED LEGAL CASE FINALLY SETTLED: My gratitude for the help of Tekakwitha in putting in order the facts in a long drawn out court case which had passed through three of the highest courts. Through Kateri, it was finally decided in my favor.—Rock Hill, Mo.



Mary-Eunice in costume as she appeared in THE STORY OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, in San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif. This character sketch of the Lily of the Mohawks along with some of her comedy and historical sketches will be seen in the Canadian and New England area during the coming season. Bookings are now accepted from Colleges, High Schools and Societies for the Fall-Winter seasons. Apply through Mary Productions, Belford, N.J.

THANKSGIVING FOR FAVORS RECEIVED THROUGH VEN. KATERI

MENTAL CASE CURED: My niece who had been mentally disturbed and under a doctor's care for a year showed no signs of improvement. She went into a deep depression refusing to do anything except keep to her bed. Her blood pressure dropped and she lost weight. The doctor asked to be relieved of the case. Her case became so bad and unmanageable that we planned to use force if necessary to get her to a hospital. That night we were inspired to place the holy card of Kateri (the one with the silk which had touched her relics) to her pillow and prayed to Kateri for a miraculous improvement overnight. The next morning my niece quietly dressed, came to breakfast, was calm and obedient and promised her cooperation, to the great surprise of all of us. Her condition was so pronounced that the psychiatrist had no difficulty giving her instructions and no hospitalization was necessary. Her improvement was great thereafter.—Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW HOUSE PAID FOR: We had built a new house expecting to receive a large sum of money from the sale of my husband's Club. I prayed to Kateri to help us sell the Club and the money needed to pay for the new house. It was sold and a large sum was paid enabling us to pay for the house. Our thanks to Kateri.—McKeesport, Pa.

COLLEGE STUDIES MADE EASY: I recite daily the prayer for Kateri's beatification asking her help in my college studies. I needed very much her help in my speech class. I am greatly handicapped in public being very shy and backward and embarrassed in public. But when called on to deliver my speech, I did so with a confidence that truly amazed myself and others. Since then I have had no trouble and keep praying to Kateri who has helped me so often in my studies.—Indian Orchard, Mass.

DEVOTION TO KATERI IN NIGERIA: A descendent of the Mohawks, I have been able to establish devotion to Kateri in Nigeria. Recently, I received word that a daughter of a Nigerian father had been refused admission to a college in Nigeria. The whole family started a Novena to Kateri (using the Novena booklet sent them) and before it was completed word came that the girl would be accepted without question. This event was considered so extraordinary that it was announced in the Church and now the entire parish wishes to use the Novena booklet of Kateri. Please send me more of the Novena booklets and a packet of materials on the LILY which you sent me before and which I have sent to Thailand and Burma.—Holcomb, N.Y.

EXAMS PASSED IN COLLEGE: I became ill at the beginning of the second semester and was unable to study. I was informed that five tests were to be given in the various classes in two days time. I prayed to Kateri for the strength to study for these exams. For two days my mind stayed clear and alert. I was able to retain the required knowledge, took the exams and passed satisfactorily. I am convinced that I could never have accomplished the task without the help of the Indian Maiden.—Richmond, Ky.

HOUSE FOUND FOR ELDER COUPLE: After many months of searching an elderly couple came to me to help them find a house that they had the money to buy. I started the Novena to Kateri and in the middle of it I discovered a house, took the couple to see it who declared it was the perfect home for them and they bought it on the spot for cash. They now live happily in their new home obtained for them through the intercession of Kateri.—Dayton, Ohio.

Prayer for the beatification of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha

O GOD, WHO, among the manifold marvels of Thy Grace in the New World, didst cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech Thee, the favor we beg through her intercession—that this Little Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the honors of the altar by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

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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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