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From the Mass of the Martyrs

O GOD, Who, by the preaching and blood of Thy blessed Martyrs, Isaac and John and their Companions, didst consecrate the first fruits of the Faith in the vast regions of North America, graciously grant that by their intercession the flourishing harvest of Christians may everywhere and always be increased, through Our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in union with the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen. *Mass, Feast of the Martyrs.*



For the Cause of Tekakwitha

O GOD, Who didst wonderfully protect the innocence of Thy Servant Catherine, and bestow on her the gift of faith and spirit of penance, grant that all who invoke her may obtain what they desire, and I also the blessing I humbly beg; so that her favor with Thee may be known to all, and she may be exalted to the honor of our altars, as among the Blessed in Heaven. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

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Dear Reverend Father:

As we come near to the Feast of the only Saints thus far honored in our North-American Calendar, Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf and their Companions, let me suggest that we make them better known to our people.

A sermon on their heroic holiness will not be out of place on that day, Sunday, September 26, better still, a triduum or novena prior to this Feast. The novena herewith is so arranged as to provide material for a triduum in honor of all the eight or of the three who bedewed our soil with their blood.

Regardless of religious belief, these Saints appeal to all. Within a week after their Feast this year, a commission appointed by Governor Lehman of the State of New York will select a model for a noble memorial of Saint Isaac Jogues to be erected at the head of Lake George. He was the first white man to traverse the lake, on the eve of Corpus Christi, 1646.

It is a pity the Martyrs are not better known. It took time and labor to bring about their canonization. It is well worth time and labor to have our people know and invoke them. In the measure we honor them, they obtain blessings for us.

Besides invoking their aid for temporal and spiritual blessings for ourselves, we should seek their intervention to avert evils and obtain favors of

national import. This is sadly needed. There is a remarkable instance of such intervention recently through Saint Isaac Jogues.

A special object to pray for is the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks. It is now far advanced. Her beatification will have an immense influence among our people, young and old. The prayer for her elevation to the honor of our altars on this leaflet and on page 32 of the novena booklet may be recited publicly, not during, but after, any liturgical service.

Young people in our schools quickly conceive a devotion to the Martyrs. They were men of adventure and exploit, heroes of the epic sort. To read about the Saints leads on to reading about their fellow missionaries—Marquette, for instance, the tercentenary of whose birth we celebrate this year—see the ninth day of the Novena. A triduum or novena, made privately or publicly, will start the year well.

Ready to help you to honor our Martyrs, I am,

Yours respectfully,

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Why not take occasion of the Feast, Triduum or Novena to collect for an altar, statue or some form of shrine of the martyrs?

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For Sermons, Triduums, Novenas on or prior to the Feast



The Novena in honor of the only canonized saints of North America is really a series of suggestions for short sermons on the eight beatitudes. The eight Martyr Saints exemplified all eight. It is five cents a copy.



The Jesuit Martyrs of North America is the only book on all the eight Martyr Saints. It is a story of heroism, replete with stirring incident. It is one dollar and fifty cents a copy.



The Martyrs of the Mohawk Valley treats of the three, Saints who shed their blood on our soil, Jogues, priest, Goupil and Lalande, laymen. It is a lecture, given before an audience of two hundred fifty, with only four Catholics present. It has a frontispiece of Jogues, and two pages of facsimile of his hand-writing, in his description of New Amsterdam in 1643, now New York City. A copy is fifteen cents.



Medals are favorite souvenirs of the celebration of a Feast, of a triduum or novena. There is, however, a small medal of Father Jogues, three-quarter inch diameter, with the image of the Sacred Heart or of our Holy Father Pius XI on the reverse. The small medals are two for five cents.



There is also a small picture of Father Jogues, with a piece of silk that was applied to the relics of the Martyrs, at five cents each.