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# What's in a Name?

## The Names of Catherine Tekakwitha

**M**ANY names have been given or applied to the Servant of God, the Indian maiden, Kateri Tekakwitha. All are rich in meaning. They were given because of something she did while here on earth, or because of some characteristic displayed even after her death. In passing it might also be said that her ordinary name, as all Indian names, has its meaning in her life, for the Indians of her day were given their names after doing something that indicated their character.

**TEKAKWITHA:** Some say that this name means, "She who puts things in order." If this is true, then it would show a characteristic in the young Indian maiden which was very different from the disorderly ways of her people. But others disagree. They maintain that "Tekakwitha" really means, "She who moves things before her," because she needed something to help her find her way about because of her weak sight. Whether this be the fact or not in the merely physical order, it would seem that such an interpretation of her Indian name would be most appropriate because of her answers to the prayers of her clients. Certainly in her life she moved all before her in her lifelong determination to find God and avoid anything that would separate her from Him.

**KATERI:** This is the Indian form of "Catherine" and is the name given her in Baptism.

**GOOD CATHERINE:** This title is hers because not only was she so good on earth, but now in Heaven she is still doing so much good to those who invoke her.

**WONDERWORKER:** She won this name because of the signal benefits she began to obtain for her people and for others immediately after her death. She still continues to obtain the requests addressed to her.

**LILY OF THE MOHAWKS:** Her life was so pure that like a lily she flourished and grew among her people, the Mohawks.

**GENEVIEVE OF NEW FRANCE:** Kateri was so called after the Patroness of Paris because, like Genevieve, she saved her people and their settlement from invasion and destruction. It was Bishop de St. Vallier, who, visiting her tomb, eight years after her death, thus named her.

## Thanksgivings

Financial favours have been reported, and *M. H., Toronto*, claims settlement of an awkward engagement on behalf of a brother.