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October 9th, 1935.

His Holiness, Pope Pius XI.
Vatican City.

Most Holy Father:

COLL. STÆ MARIE
MONTIS-REGII
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Humbly prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness, I beg to lay at Your feet the following resolution, adopted at the Sectional Meeting for Priests, held during the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, September 24th, 1935:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Indian Maiden, CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA, by her steadfastness in the practice of virtue and by her constancy in enduring persecution for the virtues which she practiced, edified her contemporaries and left to succeeding generations an example of heroic fortitude; AND WHEREAS: CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA'S life and example make a peculiar appeal to this nation because she was born within its territory and passed much of her life within its present confines;

AND WHEREAS: The liturgy of the Church lacks a feast established in honor of a native North American saint;
BE IT RESOLVED: That this Eucharistic Congress of the United States of America petition the Holy See, through His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs, the Episcopal Promoter of this Congress, for an early declaration concerning the sanctity of the said CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA and for the establishment of a feast in her honor in the event of her canonization.

May it please Your Holiness to accept our humble petition for the early beatification and canonization of CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA, if such be the Will of God?

I present this resolution to Your Holiness as one of the first fruits of our Congress, which God so generously blessed for the honor of His Divine Son in the Blessed Sacrament.

Very gratefully and obediently,

Your humble servant in Christ,

JOSEPH SCHREMBBS, Bishop of Cleveland.

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