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Prayer

*for the Beatification of
Catherine 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, Catherine 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.

*Our Father and Hail Mary, once, and Glory
be to the Father, three times.*

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Introduction

FOREWORD

omit { The following pages contain, in picture-story form, the life of an "American" girl, Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks. She lived at an age when degradation and immorality reigned supreme among the Indian tribes of North America. The people of her tribe (Iroquois) were degenerate savages and her very companions were vicious, inhuman pagans. Amidst all this Indian corruption and depravity, Kateri kept herself pure and spotless. She was a bright light shining in a vast darkness. From earliest girlhood she felt a special call from the God of the Christians.

Tekakwitha first met a missionary, Fr. de Lamberville, S.J., when she was eighteen years of age, and the priest was so impressed by her outstanding Christian qualities, that he arranged to give this Iroquois Maiden special instruction. After her baptism, when the animosity of her pagan companions became dangerously hostile, Kateri was sent to the infant Mission of St. Francis Xavier at Caughnawaga, near Montreal.

She arrived in Canada in the autumn of 1677 and at once her Spiritual adviser gave her a rule and way for leading a more perfect life, thus furthering God's design in the Indian girl.

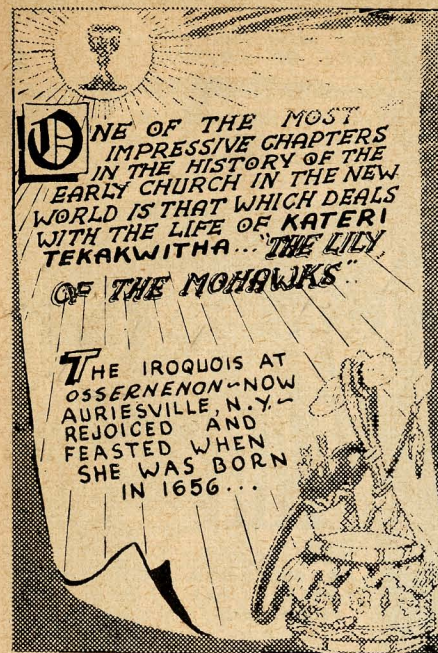
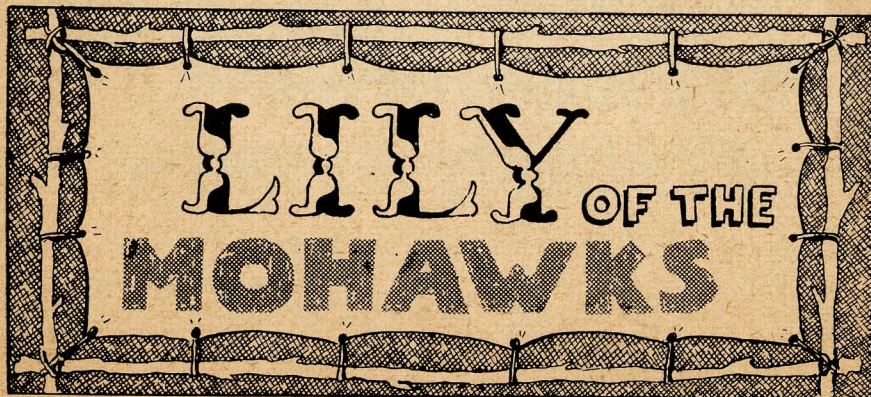
After her death, Kateri's reputation for holiness spread far and wide. Many were the wonders attributed to her intercession, and to-day reports of cures and favours reach the Postulators of her Cause from many parts of the world.

Looking back almost 300 years to the time when Kateri lived brilliant with the splendor of all the virtues, Holy Mother Church in a decree approved by His Holiness Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaims: "IT HAS BEEN PROVED, IN THIS INSTANCE AND FOR THE PURPOSE UNDER CONSIDERATION, THAT THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES OF FAITH, HOPE, LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOUR, AND THE CARDINAL VIRTUES, PRUDENCE, JUSTICE, TEMPERANCE, FORTITUDE, AND SUBORDINATE VIRTUES OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD, CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA, WERE HEROIC.

The Lily of the Mohawks is the first American-born ever to be declared VENERABLE. Let us hope and pray that before long the Church will raise this Virgin of Christ to the Altars of God.

J. M. P.

Christmas Day, 1943.



KATERI WAS ADOPTED BY HER UNCLE AND AUNT.

THE GIRL IS DEVELOPING GREAT SKILL IN HANDIWORK.

YES, SHE CAN MAKE MOCCASINS AND CLOTHES AND IS ABLE TO WEAVE BASKETS!



BUT FOUR YEARS LATER A MANTLE OF MOURNING COVERED THE VILLAGE AS MOST OF THE INHABITANTS DIED FROM SMALL POX...



HER FATHER, MOTHER AND BROTHER HAVE DIED, BUT SHE RECOVERED.

IT IS NOW TIME FOR YOU TO MARRY...!!

WE HAVE PICKED A STRONG BRAVE TO BE YOUR HUSBAND, KATERI!

I DO NOT WANT A STRONG BRAVE! I HAVE DECIDED NEVER TO MARRY.



SHE SUFFERED MANY CRUELITIES FOR REFUSING TO GET MARRIED... ALTHOUGH SHE WAS UNBAPTIZED HER NATURALLY CHRISTIAN SOUL WAS BECOMING THE FITTING TEMPLE OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE...

IN 1667 THREE JESUIT MISSIONARIES WERE SENT TO THE IROQUOIS COUNTRY.

THE SEED OF FAITH PLANTED IN THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF THE MOHAWKS BY FR. JOGUES MUST BE CULTIVATED...



AMONG THEIR HEARERS THE MISSIONARIES NOTICED THE "STRANGE GIRL", BASHFUL KATERI...

THEN ONE DAY...

PERE, I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH OF THE CHRISTIANS...

I WILL BE PLEASED TO TEACH YOU, MY CHILD.



THEY STOPPED AT THE HOME OF KATERI'S UNCLE.

THIS IS A STRANGE GIRL, O BLACKROBES! SHE IS TOO MODEST, TOO VIRTUOUS - REFUSES TO GET MARRIED.



THESE TRAITS ARE SIGNS OF A SPECIAL CALL FROM GOD!



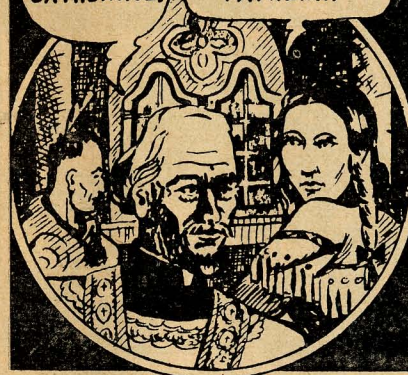
THIS, KATERI, ILLUSTRATES WHAT WE KNOW AS THE BLESSED TRINITY...

THE IROQUOIS MAID WAS PLACED UNDER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS BY FR. DE LANBERVILLE IN PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM...

ON EASTER SUNDAY 1676, KATERI TEKAKWITHA WAS BAPTIZED....

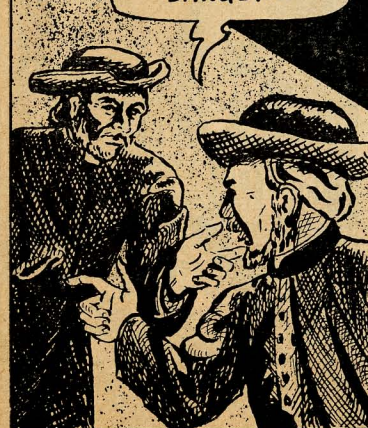
YOU ARE NOW ONE OF US, CATHERINE.

I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE A CHRISTIAN, FATHER...



WE MUST DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT CATHERINE - IT IS NOT SAFE FOR HER TO REMAIN AROUND HERE ANY LONGER...

I HAVE BEEN THINKING THE SAME THING, HER LIFE IS NOW IN CONSTANT DANGER..!



AFTER BEING RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH, SHE BECAME EVEN MORE VIRTUOUS... THE GIRL'S PIETY, MODESTY AND PURITY COULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY HER HEATHEN COMPANIONS...

THERE GOES THE "CHRISTIAN", LET US STONE HER!



ALL INDIAN MAIDS MARRY, SHE DOES NOT! WHY NOT TOMAHAWK HER?!

MY PAGAN COMPANIONS SIMPLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

THAT IS TRUE! WE ARE PLANNING TO SEND YOU TO THE SAULT ST. LOUIS MISSION!

HERE ARE SOME CHRISTIAN INDIANS FROM MONTREAL WHO WILL ACCOMPANY YOU!





WHEN HER UNCLE
LEARNED OF HER
DEPARTURE HE
BECAME FURIOUS....

WHERE DID
THE MAD
GIRL GO?!



AND IMMEDIATELY
SET OUT IN HOT
PURSUIT....

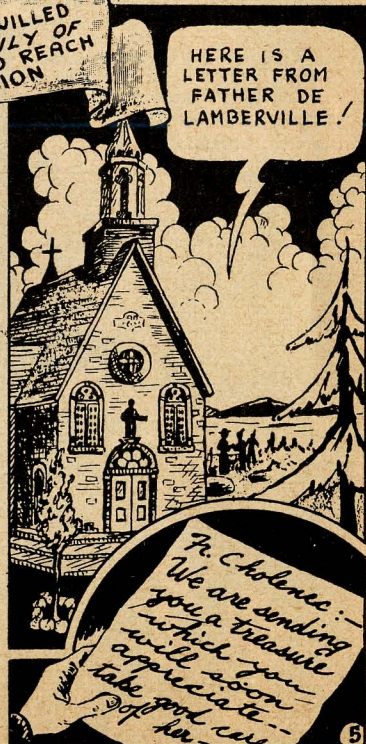
I'LL KILL HER
ON SIGHT..



BUT PROVIDENCE WILLED
THAT THIS LILY OF
PURITY SHOULD REACH
HER DESTINATION

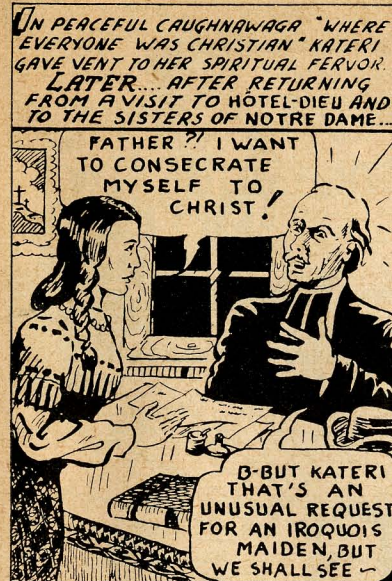
YONDER IS
THE MISSION,
O KATERI!

THIS IS LIKE
CROSSING THE
THRESHOLD
OF PARADISE -



HERE IS A
LETTER FROM
FATHER DE
LAMBERVILLE!

M. Cholenec:-
We are sending
you a treasure
which you
will soon
appreciate:-
a book on
the life of Kateri.



IN PEACEFUL CAUGHNAWAGA "WHERE
EVERYONE WAS CHRISTIAN" KATERI
GAVE VENT TO HER SPIRITUAL FERVOR.
LATER... AFTER RETURNING
FROM A VISIT TO HOTEL-DIEU AND
TO THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME...

FATHER? I WANT
TO CONSECRATE
MYSELF TO
CHRIST!

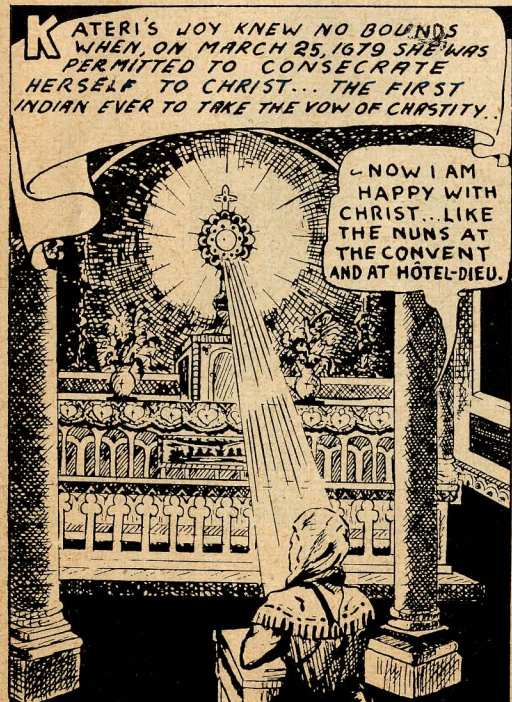
O-BUT KATERI
THAT'S AN
UNUSUAL REQUEST
FOR AN IROQUOIS
MAIDEN, BUT
WE SHALL SEE -



AS VIRGINITY WAS UNKNOWN
AMONG THE INDIANS THE
JESUITS PRUDENTLY HESITATED,
AND SUBMITTED HER TO
FURTHER TESTS...

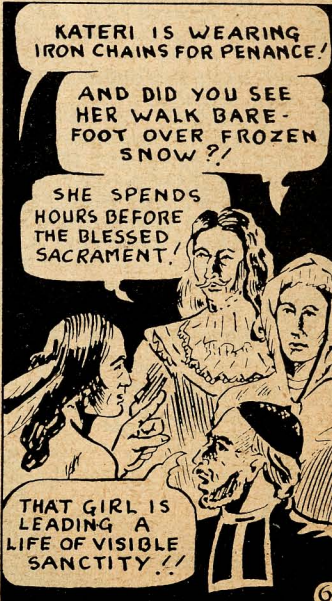
HAVE YOU
NOTICED THAT SHE
OFTEN LEAVES
HER FRIENDS AND GOES
INTO THE FOREST
TO PRAY?!

OUI! SHE
ATTENDS
MASS AND
RECEIVES HOLY
COMMUNION
EVERY DAY!



KATERI'S JOY KNEW NO BOUNDS
WHEN, ON MARCH 25, 1679 SHE WAS
PERMITTED TO CONSECRATE
HERSELF TO CHRIST... THE FIRST
INDIAN EVER TO TAKE THE VOW OF CHASTITY...

NOW I AM
HAPPY WITH
CHRIST... LIKE
THE NUNS AT
THE CONVENT
AND AT HOTEL-DIEU.



KATERI IS WEARING
IRON CHAINS FOR PENANCE!

AND DID YOU SEE
HER WALK BARE-
FOOT OVER FROZEN
SNOW?!

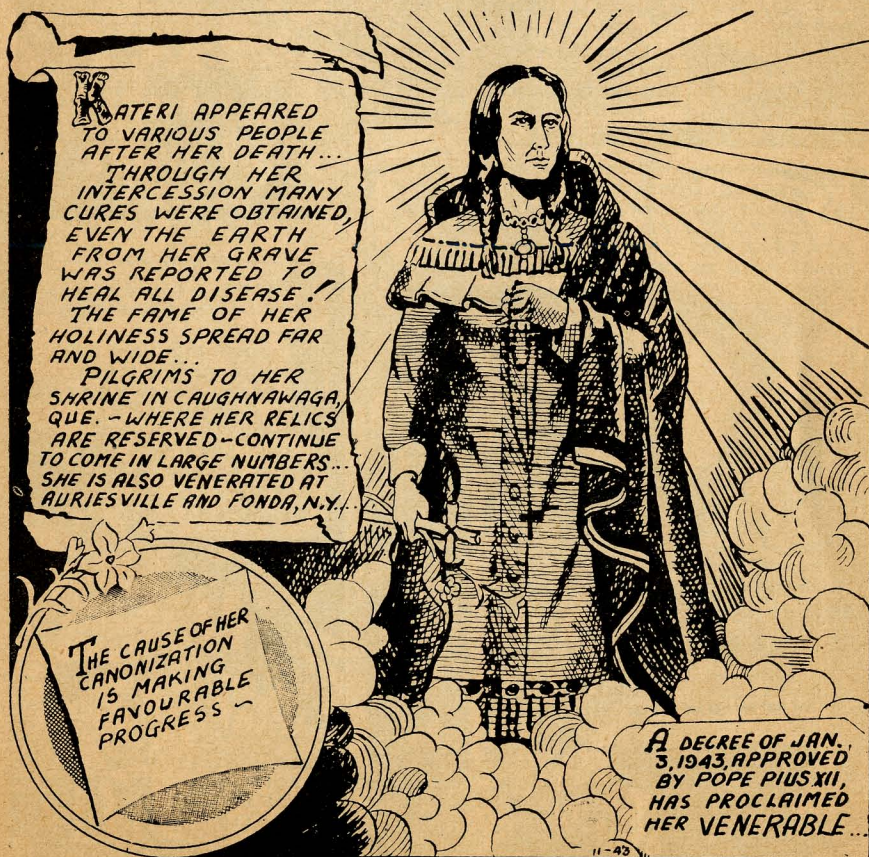
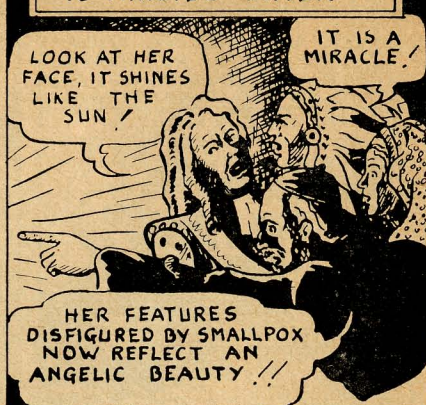
SHE SPENDS
HOURS BEFORE
THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT!

THAT GIRL IS
LEADING A
LIFE OF VISIBLE
SANCTITY!!

ON WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, 1680, AFTER SPENDING THREE YEARS IN HER CANADIAN PARADISE...



15 MINUTES LATER ~



Favours from Venerable Tekakwitha

I started the prayers (novena) immediately and in a few days my doctor came into my room with a smile and announced that there had been a great improvement in my right lung; the first good news in eleven months.—Waltham, Mass.

I was out of a position and thanks to the intercession of the Venerable Kateri I obtained new employment.—Columbus, O.

There are so many times she has come to our aid that it is impossible to list them all, but but we can surely say that she has never failed us and we are only too happy to promote devotion to her.—Brooklyn, N.Y.

I began a novena to her on May 27 for recovery so that I could return to work. To-day, June 2, I was examined by my physician and he stated that my chest was fine and that I could return to work.—Spring Valley, Ill.

I must say I applied the relic to my daughter, and had her pray for recovery . . . her condition is steadily improving after six long months in a mental hospital.—Wingdale, N.Y.

To my surprise, I received the amount of money I needed at the very time it was needed and it was certainly only through her I received it.—Ottawa, Ont.

My sister has been very ill and we have prayed to Little Kateri. She has shown great improvement for which we are deeply grateful. I am enclosing \$2.00 for "HER CAUSE" in thanksgiving for help attained, and hope she will soon be added to the Litany of the Saints.—Binghamton, N.Y.

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Catholebrities . . .

● In this age of comic-picture-magazines so popular with young and old, it is extremely necessary that some provision should be made to counteract the insidious attacks made upon the minds and morals of children by those comic-books which feature weird "superhuman" fictitious characters.

● The present small publication to same extent supplies an antidote. This booklet (the first of its kind ever published anywhere) is intended to fulfil a double purpose. Primarily, to spread devotion to the Venerable Tekakwitha; secondly, to offer Catholic readers, especially children, a form of *real biography* which will be interesting to them and from which they will acquire a true acquaintance with famous Catholics and a better knowledge of their faith.

● Other picture-stories in this series are under preparation, including the lives of CATHOLIC CELEBRITIES, such as: Frederic Ozanam, St. Gemma Galgani, Blessed Martin De Porres, O.P., Cardinal Newman, and Pope Pius XII.

● It is hoped that through these booklets, children—and grown-ups as well—will acquire a deeper appreciation and love for their Faith and a more extensive knowledge of some of Christ's followers who, *took up their cross and followed Him*.

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