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Reverend Father,

For the past three years, the Junior Catholic Daughters of America have been endeavoring to promote the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha. This was undertaken as one of their 25th Jubilee Year projects, 1950-1951, and has been continued since then.

Several of our Junior Courts have produced the Play "The Princess of the Mohawks", put out by the Catholic Dramatic Movement.

This year, we are taking this as the subject of our Radio Broadcasts over local Radio Stations during Junior Week, February 22- 29, 1953. The enclosed script is the one prepared and suggested for presentation at that time.

I thought you would be interested in our work. If you have any suggestions, we should be happy to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

Beatrice M. Hoffman
National Director

Junior Catholic Daughters of America

NATIONAL RELEASE ----- RADIO SCRIPT

FOR PRESENTATION ON LOCAL STATIONS - - - - - JUNIOR WEEK ----- 1953

PRODUCTION SHEET

TITLE: "LET'S ALL JOIN THE KATERI CLUB"

TIME: Approximately 14 minutes - 15 seconds.

MUSIC: THE JUNIOR SONG or OFFICIAL HYMN "O Sacred Heart of Jesus Dear".
Musical "Bridges" may be arranged if time permits and music is possible in production.

CAST: The Counselor
Mary
Joan
Jane
Mrs. Evans
The Doctor
Helen
Ruth

A public service presentation on behalf of "Junior Week" and the 27th Anniversary of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America.

NOTE TO JUNIOR PERSONNEL:

A copy of this Script is being sent to each Local Junior Chairman as well as to State and Diocesan Chairmen. It is requested that it be produced by each Junior Court during Junior Week, either as a "live" Broadcast or as a Mock Broadcast as a Junior Program in celebration of the 27th Anniversary. State and Diocesan Chairmen are asked to be sure that time is requested from all local stations for Junior Week.

Permission to broadcast the JUNIOR HYMN has been given by the Copyright owner. Permission to use the music of "The JUNIOR SONG" (The Vagabond King) is covered by ASCAP license, held by practically all local Radio Stations.

If more than 15 minutes of Radio time has been procured, the balance of the time may be used to present some local Juniors, telling of their activities - or to present a speaker of note.

It is suggested that much publicity be given to this Production and that prayer leaflets on "Kateri" be made available to the audiences, thus making a positive approach to increasing devotion to her Cause. Leaflets may be obtained from Tekakwitha League, 30 West 16th St., New York 11, N.Y. (25¢ per doz.)

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JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL RELEASE

JUNIOR WEEK - 1953

TIME: 14 min 15 seconds

TITLE:

"LET'S ALL JOIN THE KATERI CLUB"

MUSIC: "THEME"..JUNIOR SONG sung by Junior Troop..

ANNOUNCER:

Good afternoon.... The Junior Catholic Daughters of America, who are celebrating their 27th anniversary this month, will be your hostesses for the next 15 minutes and they invite you to be their special guests at a meeting which they are holding at the home of their Counselor. The girls have gathered together for a very special reason..let's listen, shall we?

SOUND (MANY VOICES).....

COUNSELOR: Girls....girls.... (voices gradually fade..) I've called this special meeting tonight to ask each one of you to join the "Kateri Club".....I know that some of you are already members...but I'd like to make this troop 100%! How about it?

VOICES: Yes....yes...(enthusiastically)

MARY: Pardon me, Miss _____, I've brought a friend with me tonight..and she's very anxious to learn all about Tekakwitha..and to know just what she can do to help us in our efforts to have her beatified and canonized.

COUNSELOR: Well.... there is plenty to be done and we certainly do appreciate and welcome with open arms everyone who will help us in this worthy cause....First of all... for the benefit of our new guest tonight..and for all of those in our radio audience.. let me say that one of the most important ways of helping is to join the Kateri Club.. Joan, suppose you tell the girls about the Club.

JOAN: I'd be happy to, Miss _____. The Kateri Club is composed of a group of people throughout the country who freely offer to say one Hail Mary every day, that

Kateri be declared blessed by the Church. This is an excellent, spiritual insurance policy too. One never knows when she will need Kateri's help.. and she never forgets her friends..All one has to do to join this Club is to send her name to the Pilgrim Editor, Auriesville, New York, stating that she will say a daily "Hail Mary" for this intention.....

COUNSELOR: Thank you, Joan.... And now girls..suppose those of you who have already joined hold up your hands (counts...One..two...three)..My...I had no idea that we had so many...now...how about it girls...do we want to make it 100%...let's see those hands!!!!

VOICES: (voices...laughter...counting...)

COUNSELOR: That's wonderful...thank you, girls...

You know, Kateri really needs those prayers..and I'll tell you why...I understand too few people are asking her for MIRACLES.....and by that, I mean..miraculous cures. Kateri has been wonderfully generous when it comes to money matters..and thousands of letters have come in from people saying that their financial problems have been solved....after praying to her..but unfortunately, these miracles don't count toward her canonization.....so, (I can't stress this fact too much) too few of Kateri's followers are asking her for signs and wonders that actually mean miracles of healing and more and more proof that she is entitled to her place as a Saint...We all know that it is a great temptation to ask for temporal favors..and we know, too, that Tekakwitha has been most generous...but for her sake, let's ask for miraculous cures for our families and our friends...

JANE: Miss _____, I heartily agree..and I'd like to tell the girls of a miraculous cure..one which I saw with my own eyes...and it happened on the 9th day of my novena in honor of Tekakwitha..I was visiting a friend of mine in the hospital..and as I pushed the door open her doctor and two nurses were talking very seriously.... and my friend was crying..the doctor said

DOCTOR: I feel that I must tell you the truth, Mrs. Evans.....there will have to be a second operation...and I think that I'll call in Dr. Albert for consultation when your husband gets back in town tomorrow.....

MRS. EVANS: All right, doctor....This is certainly very disappointing news..... particularly since I thought I was going home tomorrow.

DOCTOR: Well, these things do happen...and we just can't foretell them sometimes... and now, when your friend, Jane, leaves you, I'll have the nurse give you something to quiet you so that you'll get some rest..I'll drop in on you later on this evening.....

SOUND OF DOOR CLOSING.

MRS. EVANS: Sit down Jane.....

JANE: Listen, Pat...I haven't time to sit down...I'm going right over to church and light a candle...and start a novena in honor of Tekakwitha..They say that too few people are asking her help for miraculous cures, these days..and I'm asking her help for a miraculous cure...for you! And don't you worry, Pat....I'm sure she won't let us down...See you later!

ANNOUNCER: And so Jane-rushes out the door....over to the little church across the street to light a candle in honor of the Lily of the Mohawks, Tekakwitha....She could tell that her friend and the doctor were very worried and she needed help..and quickly..

PAUSE.....

ANNOUNCER:...The next morning, as Mrs. Evans was eating her breakfast...the doctor came in.....

DOCTOR: Good morning, Mrs. Evans..you look much better today.....Dr. Albert will be in about three o'clock this afternoon, so try and get some rest this morning.....

MRS. EVANS: All right, I'll try...thank you doctor....

ANNOUNCER: Nine days have passed and Jane is just leaving the little church....where she has just finished the novena in honor of Tekakwitha...She walks across the street to the hospital....As she opens the door to Mrs. Evans' room..she hears Mrs. Evans say to the nurse.....

MRS. EVANS: That's the most wonderful news I've ever heard...Oh, hello Jane...the doctor just left...and he said he and Dr. Albert have decided the second operation won't be necessary now...and that I can go home tomorrow....Dr. Albert said that my improvement during this past week has been positively miraculous!!!!

JANE: and that, girls...I feel was the answer to my novena in honor of Tekakwitha.. and I honestly feel that it was a miraculous cure....

VOICES: Oh...how wonderful!...(lots of voices...it really was a miracle)...

COUNSELOR: Thank you, Jane....for a very inspiring story...one that helps us understand why for more than two hundred and fifty years Kateri Tekakwitha's memory has flourished, and why so many of us have seen evidences of the power of her intercession....a power which seems to grow stronger with the years.....

Thousands of pilgrims flock to the church at Caughawaga, Quebec, where her relics are still kept with great love and veneration...As Father Daniel Lord says...and I quote "When I go to Caughawaga I always ask to see the relics of the lovely Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, as she is called....They lie under glass, carefully sealed, waiting for the time when they will be called for in Rome, and this little American Indian virgin will become perhaps our very first native American saint. I lay my hands upon the glass-enclosed relics, red as the skin of an Indian, and ask the little Kateri to bless our land and make to walk in her virginal footsteps, hosts of your Americans of another age and race"....and now, Helen, do you have a question??

HELEN: Well, yes....I would like to make a suggestion...I think we'd be doing a great deal to help the "Cause" if each and every one of us here tonight would get at least one of our friends to join the Kateri Club.....

COUNSELOR: I think that's an excellent idea, Helen....and we don't have to stop at ONE friend....let's see which member of this troop brings in the greatest number of Kateri Club members at our next meeting, shall we?? I'm sure there are hundreds

of people who would be very anxious to help her cause, if we took a little time to tell the story of Kateri...so girls...Let's all get to work and see how many new members we can enroll...shall we??

VOICES: Yes...Miss _____ (voices fade)

COUNSELOR: Someone has just handed me a note....it seems that since this program started tonight, they have received several phone calls at the station...calls from people who have tuned in late...inquiring about the Kateri Club and also several people have asked about the life of Tekakwitha...so, I'm going to call on Mary to answer the question which has been asked so often..."Who is Tekakwitha?"

MARY: Well....in 1655, Tekakwitha was born at Casernenon (Auriesville). Her father was a Mohawk chief of the Turtle Clan...her mother was a Christian Algonquin Indian enslaved by the Mohawks. Both parents died in an epidemic of smallpox...Her uncle took care of her and in 1667 Tekakwitha went to Fonda (then called Caughnawaga) with her uncle....She was baptised on Easter Sunday...April 18, 1676...She received her first Holy Communion on Christmas Day, 1677, at the age of 21 years...On March 25, 1679 she made a perpetual vow of virginity....Kateri died on April 17, 1680 at the age of 24. After her death, she answered all prayers to her in a very remarkable manner...and cures through her intercession became so frequent that it was no wonder that the Indians and French in Canada came to believe that Kateri was a specially favored servant of God....Recently many letters of this type have been coming into headquarters....letters such as this one...."Since I became a member of the Tekakwitha League, just a year ago, I have received numerous favors...It was just after coming to this country when a friend asked me to join; I did, and prayed to her for employment which I received almost immediately after finishing the Novena. Then, after some time, I wanted a better position and again, I received it in spite of several obstacles. My sister, who had been over-working, got ill and I sent her novenas (she lives in Ireland)....She had been very bad but now, thanks to God and

to Kateri, she has almost recovered. Then I had varicose veins and I had no money to get them operated on, but I prayed to Kateri and was able to have badly needed operation and I am fine now....this is just one of the thousands of letters which have been received....so, on May 30, 1939, His Holiness, Pius XII, approved of the Introduction of the Cause of Catherine Tekakwitha....And as we have mentioned before, too few people are asking for cures....the signs and wonders that mean miracles of healing for her clients and more proofs that she is entitled to her place as a Saint. And that is why the Junior Catholic Daughters of America have undertaken as a National Project the sponsoring of her cause.

COUNSELOR: Thank you Mary, I'm sure our guests here at the meeting, as well as our unseen radio audience agree that you girls deserve a great deal of credit for your diligent efforts toward the canonization of the little Indian maiden....

RUTH: Miss _____, I have an idea that I think will appeal to the girls...and I'm sure it would swell the membership of the Club, too!

COUNSELOR: Tell us about it, by all means, Ruth.....

RUTH: Well, in addition to getting as many of our own friends as we possibly can to join the Kateri Club, we can ask each member of the family to join....and in addition, ask them to get all of their friends to join, and the first thing you know, it will sort of "snow-ball" into a nation-wide affair...so that practically everyone will belong!

COUNSELOR: That's a very good suggestion, Ruth....If we just put our minds to it and decide that we're going to make the Kateri Club the largest of it's kind in the world, I'm sure we can do it...perseverance...perseverance and enthusiasm...and there's plenty of BOTH in this TROOP tonight. And now, girls....I think the suggestion that Mary made last week is an excellent one...so let's all join in the special prayer for the Beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha.....

SOUND: SOFT MUSIC IN BACKGROUND.....

ALL TROOP VOICES:

"Oh God, Who among the manifest 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.....

ANNOUNCER:

The Junior Catholic Daughters of America, who are celebrating their 27th anniversary this month, have presented this program to you as a public service presentation. These young ladies have undertaken, as a National Project, the sponsoring of the Cause of Kateri Tekakwitha, the Little Indian Maiden.....Who has been an inspiration to so many,...and a perfect exemplification of the standards to which all Juniors try to be true..."To Love God....To Serve Others and to Live Nobly".. We sincerely hope that her saintliness and her many miracles will inspire you too, to pray for her greater glory, and to join us in the firm belief that her Beatification and Canonization are not too far distant.....

MUSIC:.....(background music)

ANNOUNCER:

Participants in this program have been:.....

THE COUNSELOR:

MARY _____

JOAN _____

JANE _____

MRS. EVANS _____

THE DOCTOR _____

HELEN _____

RUTH _____

Arrangements for the Program were under the direction of: (Name of State, Diocesan, Area or Local Chairman arranging Broadcast).

ANNOUNCER: Your Announcer has been _____

Thank you...and we'd like to remind our audience that any further information that you desire regarding the "Cause of Kateri" and the JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will be sent to you immediately if you will just drop a post card to the Counselor, Miss _____
The Junior Catholic Daughters of America, in care of this station _____

MUSIC: "JUNIOR SONG" (fading).....

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