



Lily of the Mohawks

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Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha TO HELP BEATIFY VEN. KATERI



A sheet of the new Kateri Seals (36 stamps) has been sent to the members of the Tekakwitha League. The statue of Kateri pictured upon it, is a photo of the bronze monument in Caughnawaga, Canada—the work of the sculptor Emile Brunet.

The Seals can be used on your correspondence, envelopes, gift packages and in other ingenious ways. You can distribute them among your relatives and friends. In Canada they have already proven to be a novel and successful way of promoting the cause of the Lily of the Mohawks and of making her better known to Christians everywhere.

The contribution for a sheet of the Seals is \$1.00. The funds raised will make possible the printing of more Kateri literature in the coming year and will help pay for promotional expenses.

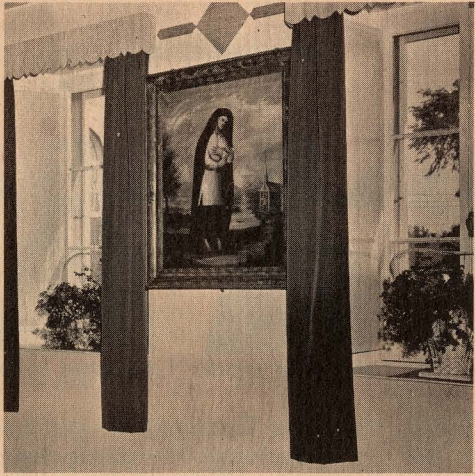
Far more important than the financial is the spiritual aspect of

the Seals. Through them you have an opportunity of making Kateri known to many more would-be friends. Of the forty-five or more million Catholics in the U.S.A., there are only six thousand members of our Tekakwitha League! With double or triple that number it would obviously be possible to make her cause even better known. The aim of more subscribers to the LILY and more members in the LEAGUE is more prayer, more favors granted, even more miracles, in view of the beatification of Tekakwitha. "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, hasten Kateri's beatification!"

We know your loyalty as members of the Tekakwitha League will prompt you to send in many orders for more of the Seals (\$1.00 a sheet) with a little note: "For the Kateri Seals! for the Cause!" Kindly address your letter and contributions to: KATERI SEALS, Tekakwitha League, Auriesville, N.Y., 12016.



FROM OUR TEKAKWITHA FILE



The oldest representation of Ven. Kateri (1683) preserved in the Kateri Museum in Caughnawaga, Canada.

THE FIRST PAINTING OF KATERI: Fr. Cholenec, the confessor of Kateri, described the following incident in his life of the Lily: "The year after her death (1680), Kateri appeared to one of the fathers, resplendent in all her person. The father felt an interior inspiration to show her painted image to the people. Three years later he saw her again, like the midday sun and so brilliant with surrounding light that his eyes could hardly bear it. Now he was bidden to paint her as he saw her. He made the painting as best he could." Above is the picture he painted. Copies were made and spread among her people. And down through the years artists have attempted to capture the spirit of Kateri in wood, stone and bronze and on canvas. The Tekakwitha League continues to spread her picture and the prayer for her beatification through its members.

AN INDIAN POW-POW NAMED "TEKAKWITHA": Barnett Fowler, an old friend of the Tekakwitha League, sent the following excerpt from his column the "Compass Points" in the Albany, Sunday Times-Union: "When the Jesuits Christianized the Mohawks west of Schenectady, many moved to Canada to a reservation now known as Caughnawaga, along the St. Lawrence. Their descendants live there today. Of interest is this fact: The Caughnawaga Reservation has just donated a 92-acre island in the St. Lawrence as a pow-pow spot for Canada's Indians. The island is just upstream from

Expo '67, Montreal. A Board of Directors of Miemacs, Crees, Haidas and Hurons will be chosen to administer the island, which, interestingly enough, bears the name of TEKAKWITHA. Named after the Indian virgin who fled from the Mohawk Valley (Fonda and Auriesville) to Canada, there died a holy death and who may become the first native born Catholic saint."

NEW BOOKS ON KATERI: A new biography of Kateri, *The Star of the Mohawks*, by Gaston Roberge, S.J., came off the press in India. It was written in English and translated into Bengali. Another proof that interest in Kateri is becoming world-wide. Also Marion Bailey Stephenson informs us that the second edition of her life of Kateri, *Miracle of the Mohawks* (Pageant Press, N.Y., \$2.75) is due in our bookstores this autumn.

THE LATEST PORTRAIT OF KATERI: One of the four stained-glass windows in the Jesuit Community Chapel at Syracuse, N.Y. (see below) honors Kateri, placing her in pride of place among the three Jesuit Martyrs of Auriesville where she was born. This colorful view shows her surrounded by her typical symbols: the lamp and lily symbolizing her vow of virginity; the cross, chalice and host, her love for the passion, the Eucharist and the Church; the turtle, her Indian clan; and her relics in the Church at Caughnawaga.



The newest representation of the Lily of the Mohawks (1966) in the stained-glass window of the Chapel of the Jesuit Martyrs of New York State, Residence of the Buffalo Provincial, Syracuse, N.Y.

KATERI FAVORS ACKNOWLEDGED

MORTGAGE PAID OFF: I sent a small donation to the League and asked of the White Wampum Kateri for ways to obtain \$2,000 to pay off the mortgage on my home. This had originally been put on the house to help a dear niece and her husband. Four days after my request and prayers to Kateri, my niece handed me the full amount in a check she was able to obtain through her Company Credit Union. My niece knew nothing of my appeal to the Vice-postulator nor of the novena to Kateri.

—St. Paul Minn.

A LIST OF FAVORS RECEIVED: I list the favors received from the Mohawk Maiden: the cure of a peculiar cyst; an answer to prayer to Kateri for rain which filled our stock pond while the neighbors' places remained dry in the same vicinity; the quick settlement of an unjust will which would have caused long and costly litigation. Enclosed my offering as promised.

—Seola, South Dakota

STOLEN SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK BUT MONEY RESTORED: I fell and broke my wrist and hurt my leg but regained the use of both through the intercession of Ven. Tekakwitha. But while convalescing with my daughter thieves entered the house and stole my Social Security check which they forged and cashed. I got in touch with the Secret Service and the Social Security Board. I prayed to Kateri for a replacement check and like a miracle a duplicate check came from the Treasury Department. I needed that money since it is my only source of income. The small donation is to help spread her cause.

—Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR FAIR WEATHER: I prayed for nine days of sunshine although rain was predicted for that period. Except for one short shower one night, we had nine wonderful days of sunshine weather. This favor I asked of Kateri and since then my other favors have been granted through her aid.

—Lafayette, La.

RECOVERY FROM A STROKE: We have a beautiful shrine in our backyard of Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha and have had devotion to her for the past 35 years. We have given away hundreds of medals, novena cards and Kateri booklets to show our thanks for the many favors received through her. Our last great favor was the recovery of my sister, who is a nun, from a stroke. I placed the relic of Kateri on her and made the Novena. My sister returned home completely cured which amazed the doctors. We

will continue to do all we can to help hasten her beatification.

—Duluth, Minn.

FINANCIAL HELP GRANTED: I was badly in need of financial help, so I started to pray to Kateri and in a short time my prayers were answered. Enclosed an offering as a thanksgiving for her wonderful help.

—Minersville, Pa.

KATERI RELIC CURES TWO NUNS: One of our Senior Sisters had been confined to a wheel-chair and then to bed for seven years. I applied my first class relic of Kateri to the painful parts and placed the picture with the silk relic under her pillow. Thereafter she was able to receive Holy Communion and to attend all the ceremonies of Holy Week. On another occasion a sister suffered with severe headaches for many days. I used the relic of Kateri on her head and over her eyes. That evening she declared to me: "I really believe your relic of Kateri has helped me!" There has been no recurrence.

—A Nun of the Order of Carmel

SELLING OF FARM LAND: My father died and left my mother with six children to raise, on a poor farm and poorer farm land. After the insurance money was used up, my mother prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha and asked her to send a buyer of our farm and land. She also placed a medal of Kateri over the farm house door. Without any advertising or mentioning her desire to sell a few days after the prayers, a man came and bought the whole farm and land for a good price. After this, I, too, began to pray to Kateri everyday and often she has helped me as she did my mother in the past. Enclosed money for more Kateri Bookmarks which I will distribute to the CYO youth of our area.

—Salix, Iowa

SETTLEMENT WITH CONTRACTOR AND CURE OF EYES: Enclosed a check I promised to send for the Kateri cause if, through her intercession, we received an out-of-court settlement with our contractor. I also had a serious eye infection. Two weeks after our prayers to Kateri we received our check without going to court. And the following day the doctor told me the infection had cleared up and that there was nothing seriously wrong with my eyes. I have received other favors through Kateri. I am now distributing her Bookmarks. —New Orleans, La.

SALE OF PROPERTY AND FINDING AN APARTMENT: I promised to distribute pictures and novena prayers of Kateri and make a donation, if she helped me in the sale of my property.

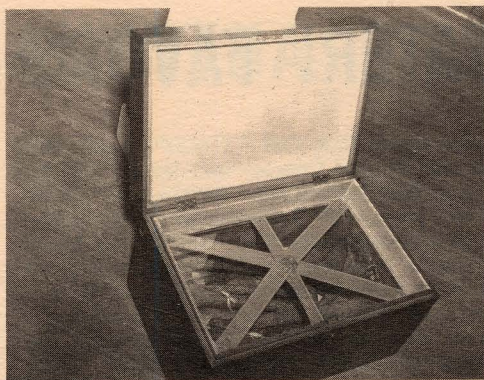
—Cohoes, N.Y.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR FAVORS

SUMMER JOB OBTAINED FOR 'TEENAGER: Blessed Kateri has certainly been good to me! I'm 17 and have been finding it difficult to get a summer job. Well, I went to a restaurant, my last hope, and applied. I started a novena to Kateri, prayed several times a day (I told her I wasn't praying but begging!) and on the 4th day of that novena, bang! I got the job! What a wonderful thing she has done for me! I do hope she will be a saint soon. Enclosed is 30¢ for the Life of Ven. Kateri by Fr. Coffey and for a picture with the silk that touched her relics. Thanks! Wow!

—Detroit, Mich.

COMPLETE HEART FAILURE CASE SAVED: I am praying so hard for our little Lily of the Mohawks to become a saint! I always spread her devotion by word of mouth and by placing her leaflets in the back of the Church and giving them to friends. But this time I needed her most. My oldest brother was rushed to the hospital with a smothering spell in the early hours of the morning. In the afternoon they decided to transfer him to a 4th floor room from emergency and in doing so removed the oxygen tent. This brought on a complete heart failure. The priest was called and he was anointed. But I remembered I had a picture of Kateri in my purse and the prayer card with the silk that had been applied to her relics. I placed the holy card on his chest and placed it for a time under his body and his head. I



The Relics of the Lily of the Mohawks conserved in the Jesuit Mission Church since 1719 in Caughnawaga, Canada.

prayed all the time to her to ask her to save my brother. An hour later his breathing improved and several days later he was completely out of danger. He is now home recuperating. I attribute this favor to the intercession of Ven. Kateri.

—New Orleans, La.

AN ILLNESS AND ARTHRITIS CURED: I do want you to know that thanks to Kateri Tekakwitha my sister had been very sick for several months and is now up and doing her work again. Also the arthritis I have had in my knee and back is very much better and I am now free from pain. —Worcester, Mass.

WAYS TO MAKE KATERI TEKAKWITHA KNOWN AND LOVED

MEMBERSHIP: In the TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE—including bulletin "Lily of the Mohawks"—one dollar a year. Also occasional donations as a league member for the promotion of the Cause; for office and printing expenses which are needed and welcome always.

REPORT favors, even the small ones and of course miracles, received through her intercession. Thanksgivings will be published in the "Lily" bulletin.

SPREAD HER DEVOTION by passing out her holy cards and literature to your friends and parishioners. By promoting her cause as a project for your club, organization or society, or through the schools in your area. Leaflets and materials can be obtained from the Tekakwitha League at Auriesville, N.Y.

KATERI HOLY PICTURES — small and medium sizes — in color with prayer in English and other various languages—2 for 5¢. Special pictures and prayer with silk applied to Kateri relics, 20¢ each. Large colored picture (6" x 8") in special leatherette frame, 75¢. Postcards in color—5¢ ea. (\$.50 dozen).

TEKAKWITHA NOVENA LEAFLETS — 5¢ ea. **KATERI MEDALS** in a special metal, 20¢ ea.; in sterling silver, \$1.50 (special discount on quantities).

BOOKS: Kateri Tekakwitha, America's **Marvelous Maiden** by Thomas J. Coffey, S.J. (32pp. pamphlet) 25¢ ea. **Kateri of the Mohawks** by Cecilia Buehrle (200pp. paperback) 60¢ ea. **STATUES OF KATERI** for various sizes and prices. Inquire through the Tekakwitha League (Prices include postage.)

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