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Her cause is as poor as she herself was here below !

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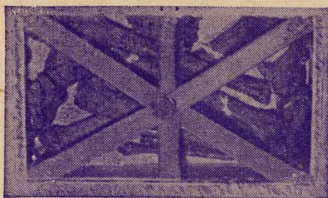


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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA GUILD

The sodalists of the Blessed Virgin of Caughnawaga, Quebec, who are descendants of the earliest Christian Indians in Canada and New York State, have formed themselves into a Guild to spread devotion to Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Our quarterly bulletin KATERI, intends, above all, to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her, and to record the favors both temporal and spiritual you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped that the Cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

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TEKAKWITHA IN THE NEWS¹

THOMAS J. COFFEY, S.J.

Many letters have come to us from all parts of the country asking verification of, or comment on the recent news items about the present state of Tekakwitha's Cause. We were as surprised as everybody else to read the NC story radioed to this country by their Rome bureau:

Vatican City, June 14 (Radio, NC) — Officials at the Sacred Congregation of Rites denied that a new miracle has been submitted to that body to further the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, Indian maid who died in 1680.

Officials at the Congregation — which is the Vatican body that studies and pronounces on cases of sanctity — stated that a medical commission had examined two alleged miracles wrought through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. One of these miracles was accepted by the commission and the other rejected, it was pointed out. Except in cases of martyrdom there must be absolute proof of at least two miracles through the intercession of a candidate before the Vatican proceeds with beatification.

OUR OWN COMMENT

No formal presentation of evidence in the case of any purported miracle has been made by this office in recent years. Upon being asked to discuss

the news item by the NC, we sent them the following data about the status of the Cause at this time.

PRESENT POSITION OF KATERI

Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, daughter of a captive Christian Algonquin mother and a pagan Mohawk father, was born 1656 at Ossernenon, now Auriesville, New York, baptized Easter 1676 at Caughnawaga, now Fonda, New York, and died April 17, 1680 in Canada. Her relics are preserved at Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec.

Her Cause of Beatification and Canonization was introduced Decree declaring her virtues heroic was issued January 3,

1943. This Decree entitles her to be called Venerable.

Present status of the Cause: a search is being made for the two miracles attributable, under God, to her intercession, which are required before further steps towards Beatification are made.

All matters relating to Tekakwitha's Cause at this stage are presented to the consideration of the Sacred Congregation of Rites at Rome by the Postulator for her Cause, the Rev. Charles Miccinelli, S.J. Two Vice-Pos-

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tulators have been delegated to further her Cause in North America; for the United States, the Rev. Thomas J. Coffey, S.J., with office at 30 West 16th Street,

THE WORK BEING DONE

All the activities of the Vice-Postulator's office at this time are directed to the encouragement of devotion to Tekakwitha, the dissemination of information, and particularly to fact-finding, sifting of evidence, and the preparation for ecclesiastical tribunals all under the direction of the Congregation of Rites, to take the evidence of eye-witnesses and others regarding purported cures.

It devolves upon the Postulator at Rome to present such evidence to the Congregation, and upon the Congregation to appraise and interpret the evidence and to draw appropriate conclusions.

THE LONG WAIT

There is a constant flow of letters into the office of Tekakwitha League in New York from devotees of Kateri attesting to their faith that miracles of grace and healing have come through her. Clear, unshakeable proof of the latter is required by Rome to show that a servant of God proposed for beatification has been the instrument used by divine Providence to bring about the "something wonderful" which is considered a miracle. Inquiry is long, painstaking and search-

New York City, N.Y.; and for Canada, the Rev. Henri Béchard, S.J., with office at Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec.

The files of the New York office contain numerous reports of alleged instantaneous physical cures which their narrators relate to the intercession of Tekakwitha. Several of these, at first glance, seem to have the miraculous stature required for presentation to the Congregation. Two such events are being thoroughly examined on the local level in the United States, and there is a constant sifting and gathering of pertinent data, — but none, to the knowledge of the American Vice-Postulator, has been formally presented to the Congregation in recent years.

ing. Diagnosis, prognosis, medical chart, etc. all must be declared in detail. State of the person cured before, during and after the supposed event, and the relationship of the cure to positive intercession of Tekakwitha alone, and patiently probed. Medical experts are called in, but they are not asked to express their opinion as to whether the cure was miraculous or not. That is a matter for the Congregation to decide.

It takes almost a miracle to prove a miracle.

THERE KATERI BELONGED!

A yearly account of the foundation of the Mission of the

Sault up to 1685

by CLAUDE CHAUCHETIÈRE, S.J.

Spiritual Adviser of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha

A.D. 1675



THIS increase of faith and of virtue among the Indians led all to believe that they were as ready for Christianity as the other peoples of the earth. Four years ago, were sown the seeds of a devotion, very popular in this country, that is called the Holy Family. Father Pierson had given some Holy Family rosaries to several among the pick of the Mission. The first was Catherine Gandiakgeua. But he had not furnished any explanation. This offered the Indians the occasion to request it all the more insistently as they knew that it had been given to the Lorette Indians. Father Frémin, judging that if a choice of the most fervent were made, a large population would not harm the Mission, established the Holy Family, which, this year, began to take on lustre although, the previous years, it had been a small gathering. The number of these chosen few, however, increased with the number of Christians and with the Mission. This year was the last for a young man named Martin Skandergoraksen, aged twenty years, who died in the woods as one predestined to heaven. The story of his death shall be written. (*Next issue: A. D. 1676*).

YOUR KATERI PLEDGE!

SEND IN YOUR WRITTEN PROMISE TO SAY
AT LEAST ONE HAIL MARY DAILY FOR THE
PROMPT BEATIFICATION OF THE LOVELY
LILY OF THE MOHAWKS!
WRITE IN FOR PLEDGE FORMS...

Kateri Novena : 5c a copy!



*The Apostolic Delegate
and the Postmaster General.*

A YEAR AGO!

The Honorable ALCIDE COTE

Postmaster General

My Lord Archbishop (Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada),

My Lord Bishop (Gérard-Marie Coderre, Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Saint John of Quebec),

Reverend Fathers and Members of the Clergy,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This impressive ceremony of the unveiling of a monument of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha is not only most inspiring, but also quite instructive.

The young Iroquois maid certainly deserved a monument, but not so much for herself as for our edification.

By virtue of the law of occupancy, Kateri Tekakwitha enjoyed the freedom of the land much sooner than we on the American continent and particularly in our country.

Furthermore, Canada is Kateri's country by another right: that of conquest.

Obviously we do not mean conquest by the force of arms, but by the no less important spiritual conquest of paganism, which allowed the young Iroquois maid, through a life of labor,

EDITOR'S NOTE: *A year ago, August 8, 1954, the Honorable Alcide Côté, Postmaster General, assisted at the High Mass, lunch and dedication ceremonies of the new Kateri Monument. On this occasion, he revealed his devotion to the Lily of the Mohawks. He was televised and his speech was broadcast; later on, at the request of the Most Reverend Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, a copy was sent to the Holy Father. On August 7, 1955, Mr. Côté was called to his reward. To the bereft family, our sympathy and prayers.*

sacrifice, and of virtue, to ascend to the pinnacle of Christian civilization.

Therein lie the inspiration and the important lesson to which I just referred.

All Kateri Tekakwitha's life is a heroic struggle which resulted in victory — her abandonment of the paganism of yester year. And that is why she naturally appears on the Canadian scene as a lighted beacon warning the Christians of our country about the dangers of modern neo-paganism under all its aspects, particularly under its atheistic communistic manifestation which is gaining ground nearly everywhere throughout the world.

Through her virtue and great faith Kateri Tekakwitha withdrew from error so that we, who possess the treasure of Christian truth, lose it not by our thoughtlessness born of our modern pseudo-civilization and the subversive ideas which I have just mentioned.

In their pride, men have tried to link only to matter the cause of all things and have arbitrarily suppressed the notion of Creator.

For several decades, these alleged statesmen have endeavored to replace the notion of a true God by idols of clay; in certain countries to the true God were substituted race and State which resulted in the sad spectacle of a god-race and a god-State.

Following the failure of these administrative towers of Babel, which have toppled over, unfortunately we now are left with the godless State.

Before this new form of contemporaneous paganism, the life of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha stands as an inspiration and as an eloquent lesson to all the Christians of our country.

Faith and truth are not limited by geographical frontiers and that is why the young Iroquois maid is known and venerated throughout the world.

Divine Providence, however, seems to have destined her to the particular veneration of the American continent by assigning her place of birth to the United States and by then having her live and die so edifyingly in our country, Canada.

For many years already, she has been called the protectress of the United States and Canada.

Let us all by the strength of our faith and prayers, deserve the eventual canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha so that she will remain what she has always been: "the Protectress of Canada!"



Emile BRUNET, Sculptor

Photo: Armour LANDRY

KATERI TEKAKWITHA EXEMPLAR OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

By EDWARD and PAUL HAYES

A TYPICAL Indian youth, whether of the seventeenth century of the twentieth, would glory in the fact of his Indian heritage. One radio commentator some years back who was well-known for his informal philosophical chats, jokingly scorned the person who boasted that his ancestors came over on the Mayflower, by saying that his own ancestors were here on our shores to meet them!

● *Marquis de Tracy*

The Iroquois, the Algonquins, the Mohawks, all were tribes with traditions of pomp and glory. When the white explorers came to our shores followed by white settlers in greater numbers, there was a natural resentment in the heart of the American Indian. And we well know the story of the all too frequent bloodshed between the two races. The expedition of the Marquis de Tracy in 1666, which caused anxiety in the hearts of the Iroquois remained fresh in the minds of In-

dians, old and young, around Montreal and northern New York State for many years.

● *The fair Lily*

Kateri Tekakwitha, the fair Lily of the Mohawks, was brought up in the midst of this situation during the last half of the seventeenth century. She was the daughter of a pagan Iroquois father and a Christian Algonquin mother. It would be quite natural for a teen-age girl to feel keen resentment toward these white men in Indian country, to view with suspicion these "foreigners," these members of another race, these outsiders who were coming in increasing numbers and who must be kept in their place.

Kateri after all might be expected to take a particular stand, as this seventeenth century race problem had begun to loom large in the mind of the Indian. Kateri Tekakwitha was a princess. Her father, before his death, had been the chief of his tribe. He was succeed-



ed in this position by his brother, the uncle with whom Kateri made her home. She held an enviable position, not unlike in our own day for instance, the daughter of a government official of some rank. Of all the people in the tribe, she might well be expected to hold herself aloof from these newcomers of an inferior race.

And what about the missionary priests who were now working in the territory? They seemed to be hard-working and sincere men, but after all they were white men.

● *We must repudiate...*

Pope Pius XII once spoke these words which express an application of one phase of the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ: "The only road to salvation is definitely to repudiate all pride of race and blood." Kateri Tekakwitha lived two and one-half centuries too early to hear these words, but her life was a living fulfillment of their spirit. She and her fellow Indians who embraced the Faith during those stormy years, came to realize the universal mission of Christ's Church and to live its fundamental teaching of love for all.

● *A symbol*

Kateri stands as a symbol of what happened among all those Indians who embraced the Catholic Faith. The natural reaction would have been to withdraw from these white men, to feel resentment, even bitterness toward them. But the fact of the matter is that Kateri with joy in her heart, had the waters of Baptism poured over her head by white hands. She received Our Lord into her heart for the first time from white hands. And this lily of the Mohawks amidst pagan surroundings, ridicule and countless obstacles, flowered into a model of virtue, with a character strong yet humble, devoted to her own people yet loving all without prejudice, seeing Christ and her Faith as the all-important factors in her life.

And perhaps some day we of the white race may have an Indian girl elevated to the altars of the Catholic Church as our model for sanctity. The Faith knows no barriers of race. And Kateri Tekakwitha stands in the midst of a continent working to solve a race problem, as a living reminder of where the solution to this problem lies.

LETTERS TO KATERI

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)

MANCHESTER, N.H., June 28, 1955: I am sending you one dollar which I promised to Kateri for a favor received. My grandson was suffering from exzema. I promised a dollar and that if he were cured I would have it published. Thanks to Kateri he is cured. Pray for my intentions. I have a great devotion to Kateri... Mrs. F.P.

DORCHESTER, MASS., July 1: Enclosed an offering of five dollars for Kateri. About six months ago I started a novena to Kateri so we would find some way of increasing our income, as we were expecting our baby in June. After I finished that novena I prayed daily for a safe delivery. Two days after the first novena a relative asked us if we would like to live in a State Project at thirty dollars less in our rent. Naturally we jumped at the chance and, thanks to Kateri, next week we shall move in. Also, even though I had complications, I was delivered of a beautiful healthy baby June 6th. All thanks are due to Kateri Tekakwitha! Mrs. J.S.

WESTMOUNT, P.O., July 25: A short time ago I sent you a letter which you were kind enough to answer very encouragingly about a favor I had been praying for a long time, the sale of my daughter's house. Now, Father, it has been sold at a very satisfactory price and the same day they received a notice that the purchase of another house, of which they have been having some 'Title difficulties', would be completed in the following month. All praise to Kateri! My donation for a favor received for which I am most grateful, is enclosed. You said, Father, that Kateri is very good for properties and that is a happy circumstance for me... There is, of course, no end to the favors I ask... My husband and I are going to try to buy some property this week and I hope Kateri will be watching over the negotiations... Thank you again, Father, and please do not send any receipt as I am going on holiday. In other words "Sometimes it is just as well for the right hand not to know what the left hand is doing." Mrs. H.F.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The reference to Matt. 6, 3, applies to the donor, not to the receiver. In Kateri's name my heartfelt thanks!

ENFIELD, N.H., July 11: I would be very grateful to you if you would allow me to acknowledge my gratitude to Kateri Tekakwitha for three important favors obtained through her intercession... A Sister of St. Ann.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 12: Due entirely to our daily prayers to our beloved Kateri, we are having the busiest

(and most profitable) year's work that we have ever experienced. We are operating on a six days basis and our grand boss is constantly beseeching us to figure out ways to do still more. Kateri has blessed our work both in supply and in effectiveness which pleases the boss very much. We are planning our annual Pilgrimage to Kateri over the Labor Day week-end. We hope for an additional day or two so that we can include a trip to St. Anne's as well... The enclosure is to help in a small way in the Cause. If time permits we would like to know if your prospective schedule will have you at home over the first weekend in September which is the Yankee Labor Day... Mr. J.B. EDITOR'S NOTE: The V-Postulator will be on hand to meet Kateri's (and his) friends!

AUBURN, MASS., July 12: Sometime ago I appealed to Kateri while in need of a great favor, and my prayers were very successfully answered. I have promised to send ten dollars in her name, and I am happy to enclose now a money-order for this amount. Now a greater, more urgent need has come to my attention, and again I am appealing to Kateri for assistance in behalf of another. I'll send twenty-five dollars more to Kateri if this emergency is successfully accomplished. Many thanks to Kateri! I pray many faithful will learn to know of her and to pray for her Cause. Miss E.C.

DORCHESTER, MASS., July 12: Enclosed you will find a dollar for favor received. A few days after I wrote you about my last favors received, I came down with tonsillitis. I promised Kateri I would have the letter published if the fever went down and if the new baby was spared of the decease. As usual Kateri came through and I am now feeling fine. All thanks to Kateri! Mrs. J.S.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., July 23: The enclosed five dollars is for an offering to fulfill a promise. Thank you for your prayers. My brother about whom I wrote is recovering satisfactorily from his foot injury. Please pray that he will have a complete recovery soon. My mother died last week. I pinned a relic of Kateri on her and she had a very peaceful death. She had been sick for six weeks, was anointed, and the parish priest visited her frequently and read all the prayers for the dying and the sick. I am very grateful to God for such a privilege. Mrs. E.L.

LANSDOWNE, ONT., July 25: Please accept this five dollar in thanksgiving to Kateri, for getting a badly needed job for my school teacher husband. He made this promise unknown to me, and I was very pleased, as Catherine Tekakwitha,

as we know her, has always been dear to me. I was brought up in St. Lambert, attended the convent there, and often prayed at her shrine in Caughnawaga, and visited the Church. We named our little daughter now eighteen months old, Katherine Margaret Mary. Please remember us in your prayers... Mrs. J.H. KELSEO, MO., Aug. 2, 1955: For about the last thirty years, I have been devoted to Kateri and admire her gift of prayer and interior life... In this pilgrimage (Saturday July 9th) I asked Venerable Kateri, among other things, the secret of her own interior life. She has enlightened me. I am making progress even in this very distracting vocation of retail merchandising... In gratitude I am sending you a check for fifteen dollars. Please have one holy mass said for my intentions. Send me one copy of Kateri's beatification novena and the rest use for her beatification or whichever way you please. Mr. W.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., August 14: I am enclosing \$5.00 in thanksgiving for favors granted me for my son in his studies at the university also for financial aid. Please pray for me that things will be so that I will be able to carry on his education. Mrs. M.A.K.

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 15: Early last spring I promised to send an offering to your Mission if I passed two examinations I was preparing at that time. These two examinations were just the first of a long series, which I will be writing, and there is just a slight possibility they may mean a job promotion sometime in the future — at least I am hopeful this will be the case. Just a few days

ago word came that I was successful in both examinations I wrote this year, so I am off to a good start. Therefore in thanksgiving my check for \$10.00, payable to your Order is enclosed. Also, a little over a month ago, my father was taken to the hospital, but again through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Kateri surgery was averted and his stay in the hospital was a short one. For these and for many other favors, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to both the Blessed Mother and to Kateri... Miss J.K.

CLERVAL, P.O., June 20: You will find herein a small offering which I am sending in thanksgiving for a favor obtained. With St. Francis Ferrier, I prayed to obtain from the Sacred Heart a favor through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha. The intention was a cure which is now considered as extraordinary inasmuch as the doctors saw no means of obtaining it. A fourteen year old boy, as a result of an accident, had his jaw broken, other head injuries, and was unconscious for many days. His parents were quite discouraged and asked me to pray for their child's cure or at least for special help to confirm to the Will of God. I began the novena with St. Francis Ferrier to obtain this favor for the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha. Shortly afterwards I heard that he was improving in an extraordinary manner. His parents prayed much and I promised to have the cure published if it should take place. I waited a year and a half before mentioning it for more assurance. Furthermore these people are far away but they have written informing me that he is better and is working... Mrs. R.B.

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THE VICE-POSTULATOR'S DIARY

With the middle of June came the end of the school year, and at the end of the school year, both Father Burns and myself sent in our resignations as members of the teaching staff of the Caughnawaga Indian Day School. Father Burns left for Sudbury and Northern Ontario where he spent the month of July; I spent the first three weeks at the Villa of St. René Goupil, a retreat house for boys. As there were no retreats during the summer, it was a wonderful place to work quietly, preparing for next year. The last week of July, I gave the spiritual exercises to the "Misters" of the College of St. Boniface at their cottage at the Lake of the Woods. A good occasion, indeed, to propagate devotion to Venerable Kateri!

At St. Boniface, I had officially learned about the new changes at

Caughnawaga. After four years as Superior of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, the Reverend Georges Brodeur, S.J., was transferred to the Mission of St. Francis Regis, where he previously had been Superior for six years. He will be working with the Iroquois Jesuit, Father Wisse Karienton Jacobs, S.J., a native son of Caughnawaga. Our prayerful good wishes to Father Brodeur who devoted the four best years of his life to Caughnawaga. Among other things, he reconstructed the steeple and worked actively in making the Mission a center of devotion to Venerable Kateri.

The newly appointed Superior is the Very Reverend Father Martial Caron, S.J., who has been stationed at the Mission for a year, active as the director of the Indian Mixed Choir of Caughnawaga. Hitherto, Father

Caron had been working for more than twenty years at St. Boniface, teaching Scripture, philosophy, music, and drama. In February 1954, he received the Canadian Drama Award for outstanding services to Canadian drama. A fine example of Father's work is to be found in the two discs of the Indian Choir recorded at the Victor Studios of Montreal last June.

Previous to his arrival a year ago, Father Caron had had little contact with Caughnawaga. In 1949 he dropped in for a cup of coffee and venerated Kateri's relics. He always remembered Kateri however, for as a novice he had heard the late Père Melançon, the archivist, say that Kateri should have been beatified and canonized before the Jesuit Martyrs.

The Reverend Albert Burns, S.J., the new Pastor is a veteran of the Caughnawaga Mission. During 1939, his second year of philosophy, Father Brodeur informed him in the Provincial's name that he had been named to teach catechism Thursdays at the Indian schools — his first contact with his parishioners of today. His philosophy ended, he spent the first two years of his regency (Sept. 1941-'43) at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier studying the Mohawk dialect under the able direction of the Reverend Father Réal Lelonde, S.J., Superior at that time. These two years among the Iroquois were followed by a year of prefecting at the College of St. John de Brébeuf in Montreal. During his theology he remained in contact with Caughnawaga, his life's love, by teaching catechism each week as he had done in philosophy.

At the end of his tertianship, at Mont-Laurier, P.Q., Father Burns was definitely named to the Mission in September, 1949. Instead of being applied to parochial work as he had hoped, he was given charge of the Freshmen class at Tekakwitha School. For the next six years he labored among the boys with great success. Because he was gentle and firm at the same time, he showed that he was ready to take in stride the important charge of Pastor of the Mission.

The Reverend Horace Labranche, S.J., has been praying to Kateri since 1935. Which probably explains why he is now a curate at Caughnawaga. Father was born in Somerville, Mass., studied in Montreal, entered the Jesuits, and left for the China Missions in 1940, where he worked in the Suchow diocese until 1953.

During the Japanese invasion he spent twenty-two months in concentration at Shanghai! Later, he lived five



years among the Communists, spent forty days in prison, and was thrown out of China on August 20th, 1953.

During his last year of theology, Father Labranche often came, Sundays, to the Mission to sing High Mass. With all the experience acquired in Canada and abroad he is no mean asset to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier of Caughnawaga, and, consequently to Kateri's Cause.