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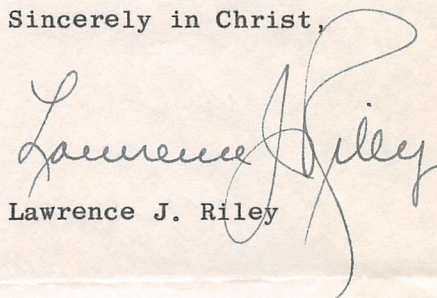
Reverend Henri Bechard, S.J.
"Kateri"
Caughnawaga, P.O.
Canada

Dear Father Bechard:

Please find enclosed my second article on Katherine
Tekakwitha.

Trusting that you may find it to be of some help to
the magazine, and asking an occasional remembrance in your prayers,
I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence J. Riley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lawrence J. Riley

LJR/ba

Calling All Kateri's Friends Everywhere!

Wilfrid

Last autumn, with the help of Archeologist Jury of the University of Western Ontario, the fourth site of Caughnawaga, Kateri's Mission, (1696-1719) was discovered. ¹⁹⁵⁵ [See the June and December issue of Kateri for details.] ~~These~~ Father James de Lamberville, who instructed and baptized Kateri in 1676, at Fonda, N.Y., died and was buried. There, also, the following year, Father James Bruyas, one of the first three blackrobes seen ^{by} Kateri at the age of eleven, Superior of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier (1682-1684; 1688-1693; 1699-1704) followed his co-worker to the grave. In 1693, at the end of a novena to the Lily of the Mohawks he had been cured of paralysis ^{through} ~~by~~ her intercession.

A letter (December 23, 1955) from the Honorable Lionel Chevrier, President of the St. Lawrence Seaway Administration, courteously informed me that ~~XXXXX~~ he had no objections to the excavations on expropriated land -- several hundred feet from the new Seaway canal. A ^{letter} of February 23, 1956, from the Honorable Jean Lesage, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (~~gilt-headed stationery~~) advised me that it would be impossible to grant my request for the \$11,000. required to complete this work, since the law concerning ~~XXX~~ historic sites and monuments, through no fault of his, contained no proviso ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for ~~for~~ financial aid in such cases.

In ~~A most unfortunate omission. On the case of the Seaway, it would seem to denote lack of foresight and experience. The Dutch, who have been reclaiming land from the sea for centuries, are interested in the glorious past of their country. Financial help is always stipulated should important finds occur in their great engineering enterprises.~~

~~Thereupon, two~~ ^{Two} letters to M. Jean Boucher, Deputy (in U.S.A. it would be Representative) for Laprairie-Châteauguay and Huntingdon asking for assistance ^{as yet} have not been acknowledged.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MIRACLES ATTRIBUTED TO THE VENERABLE

KATERI TEKAKWITHA.

I - The miracle and its circumstances

- A) The condition of the person cured before the miracle
1. Name, age, etc. of the person cured?
 2. Physical condition of the person cured? that of parents?
 3. Medical history of said person prior to the cure?
 4. Nature and gravity of the sickness of which the person was cured?
 5. Cause of the sickness? Initial stage and development of the sickness?
 6. Particular, general and local symptoms of the sickness?
 7. Progress or regression of the sickness? Date? .. What caused the sickness to become worse?
 8. Visits of physician or surgeon to the sick person: When? How many times? Physician's diagnosis? prognosis?
 9. Did the physician prescribe certain remedies? Which ones? Were they taken? With what effect?

- B) The condition of the person cured at the time of the miracle
1. In what condition was the sick person at the time of the cure?
 2. Was this person's condition serious? Was it considered hopeless?
 3. How long did this serious condition last?
 4. What day, what hour did the cure take place?
 5. What did the sick person experience while the cure was taking place?
 6. Was the cure instantaneous?
 7. Did the cure take place without the help of remedies?

- C) The condition of the person after being cured
1. What changes were felt by the person being cured while passing from sickness to health?
 2. Was the cure complete? Did any trace remain?
 3. Is the person cured still in good health?
 4. Does the cure still last? Does the person cured suffer from some other sickness? What other (s)?
 5. After the cure, was the erstwhile sick person examined by a physician? When? What was his opinion concerning the case?

II - Invocation of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwita?

1. Is it proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that the sick person was cured after having invoked the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwita?
2. Who invoked the intercession of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwita? a novena or a triduum?
3. How was Kateri invoked: by means of mental or oral prayer? by means of a novena or have applied to himself a relic or a picture of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwita?
4. When was the Venerable Kateri Tekakwita first invoked? When was she last invoked?
5. Did the cure take place immediately or not?
6. Was the help of other Servants of God or of other Saints invoked? If so, why is the cure attributed to the Venerable Kateri Tekakwita?

Now, I am calling all Kateri's Canadian friends! Let them write to ~~the~~ ^{their} deputy asking for an amendment to the law concerning historic sites and monuments so that the needed \$11,000. for the excavations may be obtained forthwith. 100,000 such letters from all over the country may obtain results.

Kateri's friends ~~in~~ without ~~KANAKIA~~ Canada would do well to write ^{in the same vein} to the Honorable Roch Pinard, Canadian Minister of State at Ottawa.

Meanwhile \$500. are wanted to keep the project alive. Professor Jury will work a few weeks this autumn at the fourth site, Kanatakwenke. ^I Is there any firm or corporation, Canadian or American, willing to send ~~me~~ a check ^{of} ~~for~~ \$500. to defray expenses until something is done next season in Parliament?

N.B. I am not suggesting this sum be offered by individuals. Kateri's Cause needs ^{the} help.

KALEBI LEKYMICHY
MISSION SWINDLE EXPOSURE
CANADIAN MOUNTAIN

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