

Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha

INTRODUCTION

The straight line

- A) Our Lord once said : "I am the Way!"  
A straight Way, <sup>the straight</sup> ~~short~~ Way to His Father.  
Straight line : shortest distance from one point to
- B) Of all people, Mary, His Mother, was the only one to follow Him (another.  
perfectly, neither deflecting to the left by default  
nor to the right by excess  
(No mortal sins, nor venial, nor even  
imperfections in her life!)

After her death, the glorious privilege of her Assumption  
carried her directly to the Throne of God, where she was  
crowned Queen of Heaven.

Now , an excellent way to know Mary , to imitate her  
is to know and imitate  
the Saints and Servants of God  
who had special devotion to her.

- C) Today, at your Pastor's suggestion, (Holy Rosary Society)  
my subject will be  
the lovely Lily of the Mohawks,  
Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha  
who loved and served Our Blessed Mother so well.



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2) Initial charm of Mary's presence

AF Tragedy

= Tragedy soon made its entry/into Tekakwitha's village,  
|into her lodge, |  
|into her life.

An epidemic of small-pox carried off/half the village, people of Ossernenon,  
among whom were her parents and her little brother.  
Tekakwitha herself suffered, but finally recovered  
her health weakened for life,  
her face pitted  
and her eyes, ~~it~~ debilitated by the dread disease.  
As a result of her sickness, Tekakwitha was no longer a beautiful child.

BA HC Adoption and lonely years.

= She was adopted by a pagan uncle,  
bitterly anti-Catholic,  
who disliked the whites and particularly the blackrobes.  
Several lonely years passed by  
and it seemed as if the name of Mary  
would never again re-echo in her life!

CF Father de Lamberville

= The autumn of 1675,  
F<sup>ather</sup> James de Lamberville accidentally met the Indian girl.  
A sprained ankle kept her at home in her longhouse  
while the other women were ~~away~~ working in the cornfields,  
while the men were away hunting in the woods.

She takes Instruction

= The missionary began questioning her  
and, to his great surprise, found her almost ready to become a Christian.  
He began instructing her for baptism  
and soon noticed how wholeheartedly she responded | to anything concerning  
the Blessed Virgin!

According to Father Cholenec, /who later knew her intimately/ at the St. Francis Xavier  
Mission, in Canada,  
wrote that "as soon as she became aware of Our Lady,  
she loved her and was transported by her love for her!"  
The charm of Mary's presence was upon her!

To be continued



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## CONCLUSION

First favor

1956 will be the tricentennial of Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha's birth. Let us ask insistently, humbly through the merits of Jesus and those of Mary, the Queen of Heaven, the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, whom Kateri served so well, the two miracles needed to have her beatified for her tercentenary..

In so doing, we will be acting in accordance with our Holy Father's wishes : so interested is he in Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause that he has dispensed us from the third miracle ordinarily required for the glorification of a non-Martyr.

Second favor

And the lovely Lily of the Mohawk, pleased by the zeal of her friends, clients and devotees, will teach us how to follow better the Blessed Virgin, who followed so faithfully the Straight Way, Her Son Jesus. We may be sure of a place in her heart, if we reserve a place for her in our hearts!























