

During the two following years (1677-1678), another characteristic of her spirituality was definitely evolved. It consisted chiefly in a profound love of the Cross of Our Savior. A most unpopular virtue from which we instinctively shrink. But she had taken to heart the Master's admonition: "He is not worthy of Me, that does not take up his cross and follow Me." Her fervor expressed itself during the Lenten season by the practice of severe mortification. Then a terrible calumny was spread about her which would have corroded a less valiant soul than hers.

At this period of her life,

Kateri's love of Our Lord grew to great heights. The missionaries of the St. Francis Xavier Mission heard from her lips expressions that recalled the incandescent zeal of St. Francis Xavier, the patron of Sault St. Louis. "Do you love Our Lord?" they questioned her. She was so greatly moved, that she could only utter a sigh and say: "Ah, Father!" When she died on Wednesday of Holy Week, 1680, after months of excruciating pain, her last words were: "Jesus, I love Thee!"

The steel bridge was completed.

HENRI BÉCHARD, S.J.

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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA GUILD

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

A one year subscription to KATERI (\$1.00) or any other offering, no matter how modest, will enroll you as a member of the Kateri Tekakwitha Guild for one year, to share in a special Mass offered on the 1st Monday of each month for your intentions in the old Mission church of St. Francis Xavier.

LETTERS TO KATERI

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 14, 1948: Enclosed you will find \$2.00, which I am sending as an offering to Kateri Tekakwitha for a favor received. Here, we are praying that her cause will progress and that she will soon be one of our venerated saints. Mrs. A.G.

Ottawa, Ont., June 29, 1948: My son suffered violent epileptic attacks at the age of two. These fits became so terrible that at the age of ten he had them four or five times a day. He then began wearing a medal of Kateri and from that day on he was bothered no more. About six months ago (he is now nineteen), he lost the medal, and the attacks, have come on again. Would you kindly send me another medal?... Mr. J.I.J.

Winnipeg, Man., August 20, 1947: I am not of the Catholic faith, but hope you will see fit to grant my request... My earnest prayer, Kateri Tekakwitha, is that I may be cured of a curious leg and back ailment that have had the doctor's baffled... Mrs. L.S.

Montreal, P.Q., January 28, 1948: My daughter and myself prayed Kateri to find us a good apartment... In a week, our prayer was heard. I am sending an offering for a High Mass at the Mission Church... Mrs. L.B.L.

St. John's Newfoundland, April 9, 1948: I enclose a small offering of \$10.00 for the cause of the Ven. Kateri Tekakwitha... Kindly send me a few small souvenirs of the shrine and remember my intentions. Rev. P.J.K.

Brighton, Mass., May 15, 1948: Of course the Cause of the Venerable Kateri is remembered in my prayers. I earnestly look forth to the results of a study of the miracles that her beatification may soon be announced. May the good Lord who has so blessed America and preserved our beloved land from the ravages of war and its aftermath soon raise to the honor of the Altar our Venerable Servant of God, Kateri Tekakwitha... Mr. W.J.F.

Llangatlock, South Wales, July 27, 1948: We live in a little village and we are only two Catholics... Our nearest church is a mile away. We feel sure by the help of Kateri we could help some of the many sick people in the village... We have already begun to say the "Prayers for her Canonization" and will spread among the few Catholics in our parish devotion to this little Indian girl so loved by Our Savior... Miss M.A.

Aldershot, Ont., September 12, 1948: Some weeks ago, I wrote and asked for prayers for relief from asthma. Thank you, I am a lot better... Miss M.M.S.