

(Kateri, seated under a dais covered with lily motives, and dressed in white doe-skin, with a golden rosary in his right hand, smiles at her Client.)

INTERVIEW WITH KATERI

— No. 1 —

CLIENT : Kateri ! Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha !...

KATERI : I always come to help you, even though unseen, whenever you ask me a favor !...

CLIENT : Today, Venerable Kateri, I ask no favor, but I do wish to ask you a question... Why is it, Venerable Kateri, that you are not as yet, beatified ?...

KATERI : Divine Providence always reserves the Beatification and Canonization of the Blessed and Saints for the period that most needs the incentive of their holy lives and good example.

CLIENT : But never, more than at present, o Tekakwitha, did mankind need you, never !...

KATERI : Then, you must obtain from God the miracles that the Church requires to elevate a Servant of God to the honors of the altar.

CLIENT : Kateri beloved, is not that precisely what we are asking ... of you ?

KATERI : Even so, God wills that with every Servant of His that is beatified, the world become a better place to live in. That is why sacrifices and prayers must arise to heaven.

CLIENT : And these prayers and sacrifices woven together with your merits, will obtain the miracles necessary for your Beatification.

KATERI : That is true.

CLIENT : And how many miracles are needed ?

KATERI : Four miracles are ordinarily required if no eyewitnesses are still alive to testify in favor of the candidate for Beatification. Nevertheless the Vicar of Jesus Christ, His Holiness Pius XII, has most graciously promised that, given two first-class miracles, he would beatify me.

CLIENT : That promise should encourage us all to pray for your Beatification.

KATERI : Prayers ! Thousands of prayers !... A tidal-wave of prayers !... Prayers from every Canadian Province, from every one of the forty-eight states of the U.S.A., and, above all, from the heart of every Indian of both North and South America !... But prayers are not enough.

CLIENT : I know what you mean. Sacrifices of all sorts must be thrown in... good humor when one feels like flaring up. Fasting... ; alms... ; in short, applied self-denial !

KATERI : Above all, the state of grace in the hearts of my friends... A soul inhabited by the Blessed Trinity is very powerful on the Heart of God...

CLIENT : Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, I promise that I shall do my very best to work for your Beatification. And I shall teach others to do the same...

(At these words, two angels come in, two little Indian angels who kneel down beside Kateri, facing the Client. Kateri always seated, kisses her rosary and makes the Sign of the Cross : Rasennakon Roniha, nok Rosenha, nok Rotkon Roialatokenti, ethonatawen....
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PRAYER

for the Beatification of Catherine Tekakwitha.

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O GOD, who, among the manifold marvels of Thy Grace in the New World, didst cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Catherine Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech Thee, the favor we beg through her intercession—that this Little Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the honors of the altar by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary, once, and Glory be to the Father, three times.

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