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► Cover children Richard Cross and Darlene Dearhouse on Ash Wednesday with an Easter smile on their lips.



The LILY of the MOHAWKS

A Radio Play by Nora Routledge

THE CAST:

KATERI
HER UNCLE
BLACKROBE
HOT ASHES
SUPERIOR OF THE SAULT
FATHER CHOLENEC
ANASTASIA
GIRLS' VOICES
CHILDREN'S VOICES
MEN'S VOICES

NARRATOR: This is the story of Katharine Tekakwitha, a genuine redskin, the first one of that sorely tried human family to be presented as a candidate for the honor of being proclaimed a Saint.

The Servant of God, as Katharine was called, was born in 1656, an Iroquois of the tribe known as Mohawks. Her birthplace was the same village near Fort Orange, where about ten years previously three of the eight holy Jesuit martyrs canonized in 1930, had been so barbarously put to death.

Katharine, or Kateri as she is known to her clients, became an orphan at the age of four. She was taken in by a pagan uncle, the Chief of his tribe, a man strongly opposed to Christianity and to the missionaries.

Kateri's mother — a Christian — had been captured during the war between the colonists and Iroquois and would have suffered the usual fate of captives, had not the Iroquois chieftain asked for her as wife. It was she who taught the little Kateri about God in such a manner that the child held to her faith, although surrounded by pagans.

Kateri, then, received no formal Christian teaching until she was almost eighteen.