

tulators have been delegated to further her Cause in North America; for the United States, the Rev. Thomas J. Coffey, S.J., with office at 30 West 16th Street,

THE WORK BEING DONE

All the activities of the Vice-Postulator's office at this time are directed to the encouragement of devotion to Tekakwitha, the dissemination of information, and particularly to fact-finding, sifting of evidence, and the preparation for ecclesiastical tribunals all under the direction of the Congregation of Rites, to take the evidence of eye-witnesses and others regarding purported cures.

It devolves upon the Postulator at Rome to present such evidence to the Congregation, and upon the Congregation to appraise and interpret the evidence and to draw appropriate conclusions.

THE LONG WAIT

There is a constant flow of letters into the office of Tekakwitha League in New York from devotees of Kateri attesting to their faith that miracles of grace and healing have come through her. Clear, unshakeable proof of the latter is required by Rome to show that a servant of God proposed for beatification has been the instrument used by divine Providence to bring about the "something wonderful" which is long, painstaking and search-

New York City, N.Y.; and for Canada, the Rev. Henri Bécard, S.J., with office at Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec.

The files of the New York office contain numerous reports of alleged instantaneous physical cures which their narrators relate to the intercession of Tekakwitha. Several of these, at first glance, seem to have the miraculous stature required for presentation to the Congregation. Two such events are being thoroughly examined on the local level in the United States, and there is a constant sifting and gathering of pertinent data, — but none, to the knowledge of the American Vice-Postulator, has been formally presented to the Congregation in recent years.

ing. Diagnosis, prognosis, medical chart, etc. all must be declared in detail. State of the person cured before, during and after the supposed event, and the relationship of the cure to positive intercession of Tekakwitha alone, and patiently probed. Medical experts are called in, but they are not asked to express their opinion as to whether the cure was miraculous or not. That is a matter for the Congregation to decide.

It takes almost a miracle to prove a miracle.

THERE KATERI BELONGED!

A yearly account of the foundation of the Mission of the
Sault up to 1685

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THIS increase of faith and of virtue among the Indians led all to believe that they were as ready for Christianity as the other peoples of the earth. Four years ago, were sown the seeds of a devotion, very popular in this country, that is called the Holy Family. Father Pierson had given some Holy Family rosaries to several among the pick of the Mission. The first was Catherine Gandiakgeua. But he had not furnished any explanation. This offered the Indians the occasion to request it all the more insistently as they knew that it had been given to the Lorette Indians. Father Frémin, judging that if a choice of the most fervent were made, a large population would not harm the Mission, established the Holy Family, which, this year, began to take on lustre although, the previous years, it had been a small gathering. The number of these chosen few, however, increased with the number of Christians and with the Mission. This year was the last for a young man named Martin Skandergoraksen, aged twenty years, who died in the woods as one predestined to heaven. The story of his death shall be written. (Next issue: A. D. 1676).

YOUR KATERI PLEDGE!
SEND IN YOUR WRITTEN PROMISE TO SAY
AT LEAST ONE HAIL MARY DAILY FOR THE
PROMPT BEATIFICATION OF THE LOVELY
LILY OF THE MOHAWKS!
WRITE IN FOR PLEDGE FORMS...

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