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Our quarterly bulletin KATERI, intends, above all, to tell her tale, to foster devotion to her, and to record the favors both temporal and spiritual you receive through her intercession. As a result, it is hoped that the Cause of her Beatification will progress more rapidly.

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NEXT YEAR will be the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes. On this great occasion, Mary will pour down untold blessings upon her earthbound children. If the Hail Mary Campaign, begun a year ago, were intensified, without a doubt, the Queen of Heaven would soon obtain from the Heart of Her Son Kateri's beatification.

Hundreds of prayer-pledges for this intention have come in. Mr. Arthur Metzgar, a friend from Long Island, N.Y., has been instrumental in collecting many. All these promises with their added requests for spiritual and temporal favors have been placed alongside a first-class relic of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha and will remain there for a year.

How many pledges are needed? The answer is: a minimum of 100,000. If, every twenty-four hours, from the hearts and the lips of 100,000 of Kateri's friends, rise a heartfelt plea for her beatification, how will Mary, the Queen of Virgins, to whom the Lily of the Mohawks was so devoted, have the heart to refuse?

Presumption? Perhaps. Our bulletin is indeed very modest, its influence extending to little more than 4000 subscribers. So let us call our presumption firm confidence in a little Indian girl of over 200 years ago, named Kateri, and in another little girl, a child of Judea, who lived 2000 years ago and whose name was Mary...

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