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BACK TO HER BIRTHPLACE

The statue of Tekakwitha is now where it belongs, on the site of her birthplace in the Mohawk Indian village Ossernenon, now Auriesville, New York. When we say that she was born on this site, it may mean that she was born within the enclosure which the Indians of that time walled about as a defence against an attack by their many enemies, or somewhere in the neighboring fields where they built their cabins and planted their corn.

The statue is in a prominent position within the enclosure. As the Director of the Shrine there, Martyrs Hill, Father Thomas J. Coffey writes:

"We have placed it directly opposite the Shrine bungalow office, in front of the site of the old well where now St. Joseph's grotto is.

"We have placed the statue in the middle of a triangular flower bed, with a bronze marker: Memorial to Kateri Tekakwitha. Bright red geraniums surround it, with a carpet of red verbena. We obtained flowers in full bloom, so that everything was ready from the very start."

Until Tekakwitha is canonized this statue cannot be placed in a church or chapel where it would elicit any form of worship. It is a beautiful adornment for a church, convent, or school lawn. There is a picture of it on page 43 of this issue. It will be reproduced in cement for outdoors; in plaster for indoors. It will be also in smaller sizes, 18 and 13 inches, for homes and classrooms. It will give fresh impetus to the devotion to Venerable Tekakwitha.

A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

The V. Postulator does not wish to intrude his concerns on the attention of others, but he considers it his duty to invite the clients of Venerable Tekakwitha to join with him in a fervent thanksgiving to God and His Venerable Servant for an exceptionally successful operation for the removal of cataracts, and for helping him to put up with the restrictions necessary for this operation, in spite of his advanced years and other infirmities. As he is now able to resume the celebration of Holy Mass and the recital of the Divine Office, he will remember daily all who join with him in this act of thanksgiving.