

THE LILY OF

Fairest flower that ever



THE MOHAWKS

bloomed among true men

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We heartily congratulate Father Henri Béchard, S.J., Vice-Postulator for Canada of the Cause of Beatification of Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha on the successful culmination of his plans to have a worthy monument to the Lily at Caughnawaga, where she died in 1680.

On Sunday, August 8, a six-foot bronze statue of Kateri (see cut in this issue) was blessed and unveiled at the Kateri School at St. Francis Xavier Mission, Caughnawaga, P. Q. Archbishop Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, presided. The statue is the work of a famous Canadian artist, Emile Brunet.

We heartily second, at this time, Father Bechard's request for a crusade of prayer to hasten the day when Tekakwitha will be honored on the altars of the Church. Her beatification would be very timely if it occurred in 1956, the three hundredth anniversary of her birth at Auriesville, New

York. That, of course, is up to Divine Providence, as the Cause awaits only the two miracles needed for further progress.

Kateri risked her life by leaving her people in New York to better practice her religion among the missionaries in Canada. She lived a most edifying and holy life at Ste. Catherine de Prairie. Among her titles is that of "Protectress of Canada," and her tomb at the Indian reservation draws many pilgrims. Our readers would do well during the Marian year, if, while visiting shrines in the United States and Canada dedicated to Our Lady, they would include the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, New York, birthplace of Tekakwitha; her baptismal site just across the Mohawk River—Tekakwitha Shrine, Fonda, New York, and the place of her death, Caughnawaga. All of these hallowed places are easy of access by train, plane or bus.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR TEKAKWITHA'S BEATIFICATION

O God, Who, among the many marvels of Thy grace in the New World, didst cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and the St. Lawrence the pure and tender lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant, we beseech Thee, what we ask: (*here mention your petition*) so that this little lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be raised to the hon-

ors of the altar by Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and her faith, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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NEW
TEKAKWITHA MONUMENT
AT
CAUGHNAWAGA

KATERI

Born at Auriesville, N. Y., 1656
Baptized at Fonda, N. Y., 1676
Died at Caughnawaga, Canada, 1680
Declared Venerable, January 3, 1943

TEKAKWITHA

Indian children earn their names by doing something indicative of their character. Some say Tekakwitha means "putting things in order." Certainly she moved before her everything which stood in the way of her finding God.

The name is not hard to pronounce: Te-ga-kwet-ha, h—rough. It sounds very pretty on the lips of the little Indian children. Kateri, of course, is Indian for Catherine. She is also called "Good Catherine, due to her role as Lady Bountiful to the many who invoke her. "Wonder worker" is another name she has won for her signal blessings. She has also been called "Genevieve of New France," after the patroness of Paris. It was the second Bishop of Quebec, Saint-Vallier, who thus styled her eight years after her death. "Iroquois Virgin" was the name given her by her first biographer, who had also been her director. She is perhaps most familiarly known as "Lily of the Mohawks."

In accordance with the Decree of Pope Urban, VIII, March 13, 1625, the words *Virgin Miracle*, in these pages, are used with no thought of anticipating the decisions of the Church regarding the Servant of God herein mentioned.

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