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Eerzamen Vader Oversten

Ik zende u hier neven de roosekransen die gy te wyden had gegeven. Het zal u ongetwyffelt zeer aengenaem zyn te vernemen dat Z.H. onzen geliefden bisschop, zyne goede gevoelens ten opzichte der Broeders van Joseph en Maria, met nieuwe blykens doet kennen. Morgen, Feest-dag van de H. Moeder Theresia, word het Institut der Broeders van Joseph en Maria goedgekeurt en met geestelyke gunsten vereert. De zelve gratie wort gedaen aen de Dochters van Maria en Joseph. Verheugt u alle, in den heer, over zoo groot geluk, en tracht alle te zamen u beste te doen om weerdige instrumenten te worden van de bermhertigheyd Gods. Ik hope in 't kort u mondelings te komen spreken te Geersberge, of zelfs de toekomende weék te Rooborst, en u voorderen uytleg over zoo vééle gunsten des heere te komen geéven. In afwagting wekt u, en uwe broederen op, tot dankbaerheyd en betrouwen; waerlyk, naer zoo vééle blyken van liefde, zoude het wonder zyn van deéze gevoelens tot den goeden God niet te bezitten.

Ontfangt mynen vaderlyken zegen en gelooft aen myne waere genegentheyd tot u alle die met my het jok des heere hebt willen dragen.

Uw toegedanen geestelyken vader

C. G. Van Crombrugghe can.

Gend 14 oktober 1830.

Zyt voorzigtig in deéze moyelyke omstandigheden.

14 October 1830

Reverend Father Superior

I am enclosing the rosaries that you gave me to bless. I am sure you will be very happy to know that His Excellency our beloved Bishop is showing his regard for the Brothers of Joseph and Mary with new favours. Tomorrow, feast-day of the Holy Mother Teresa, the Institute of the Brothers of Joseph and Mary will be approved and honoured with spiritual favours. The same grace has been given to the Daughters of Mary and Joseph. Rejoice in the Lord for such a great joy, and try together to do all that is possible to become instruments worthy of God's mercy. I hope to come and speak to you shortly in Grammont, or even next week in Rooborst, to talk to you further about the Lord's abundant grace. Meanwhile, encourage yourself and your Confreres to gratitude and trust; truly, having received so many proofs of His love it would be astonishing not to feel these sentiments towards the good God.

Receive my paternal blessing and be assured of my sincere affection for all of you who bear with me the yoke of the Lord.

Your affectionate spiritual Father,

Ghent 14 October 1830

C.G. Van Crombrugghe, Canon.

Be careful in these difficult circumstances.