

I have been pleased to see, my dear child, that at all costs you want to triumph over the fault I have been pointing out to you for a long time. Be simple and you will rise above that difficulty.

Love your divine Spouse effectively and do not torture yourself with what concerns sensible affection. Jesus is a God of truth, a loving, generous Spouse and not one who imperiously exacts what it does not depend on us to grant him in all events. Take great care of your appearance for the sake of God and of the Institute.

Your ever devoted spiritual Father

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