

I am rejoicing with you at the favors that our good God is granting you with a kind of prodigality that must arouse keen and lasting gratitude in you. They told me that Msgr. was able to say Mass at your convent today and that his Lordship would do you the honor of accepting your invitation to lunch. So there you are initiated into embarrassments of all kinds. I will try and arrange the matter of the confessor as best as possible. Would the Dean not suit you? Look into the matter and write to me what you think about it at the end of this week. I will not be at home before Saturday evening.

The novice A. has indeed left the bill for her expenses here. It seems that this person will need to be examined attentively. She might be too weak in mind and body to become useful. All the same let us not be in any hurry.

Mme. De Brandt gave me the money intended for Madame Superior General and not for me. I will try and get it to her.

Receive, my very dear child, the blessing of

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 17th of our Mary's month, 1840

The marks of esteem that Msgr. shows you will be a fresh source of prosperity for your house. I urge you to exploit that mine well. Arrange for your pupils to write to their parents about the honor they have had of receiving the Bishop etc. That gets the convent known and will attract pupils, postulants, etc. Mary will give us still more marks of the love she has for her children.