

I am always pleased to learn that your dear Sisters and pupils give you the consolation of being able to praise you for their zeal in fulfilling their respective duties. May our good God be praised for that!

On Monday I am going to see my dear brethren at Roborst and Grammont, so I cannot tell you when I will come and rejoice with you at the blessings the Lord is shedding on your house. If I am not mistaken, the Garden Fete is being held at Alost on the Sunday after the feast of St. Peter. From that I may conclude that a good fortnight from now you might well see me. If you have the wherewithal to give back what A. has the right to claim, you may let her go. From what Rev. Mother N. has told me about her, A. (Sr. Angela) does not have the intelligence to become a religious. So do as seems good to you.

I like to think that the effects of this feast day will make themselves felt at your house and that your soul, in particular, will experience a renewal or rather a redoubling of those tender and generous feelings for its divine Spouse that will stifle the vain fears you tell me about from time to time. Think of Jesus; occupy your heart with that sweet, amiable yoke that the best of friends has laid on you to give you the means of proving your love to him and heaping up merits in his sight. Pass lightly over certain awkward thoughts that scratch one's head as soon as one presses on them. Eh! my dear child, would you knowingly want to displease Jesus? I am very certain that nothing is farther from you. So, no fear; no anxiety; but great confidence, joy and cheerfulness.

Be everywhere, in your convent, except in the dark (brown) reflections that become black when you turn them over. You know how devoted I am to you in Jesus Christ

Your spiritual Father

Ghent, 26th June 1840

My kind regards to all the dear family I very much wish to come and see.