

By the arrival of the Novice, you have seen that I have been zealous in getting you the relief you needed at your convent, my dear daughter. If the trials your house is experiencing have distressed me a little, I have had to thank the Lord for the happy dispositions in which I found your souls. That is, indeed, a great thing, and I admit to you that there is hardly anything more consoling for one who sees things with the eyes of faith. So let us be at peace, cling to the holy and ever adorable will of God, but take great care to draw down nothing but blessings by the wisdom of our zeal and the pious activity of all our conduct.

Here is a letter from Madame N. to one of her former pupils. By its form and content, this letter seems to me incapable of producing a good effect. There is even a mistake at the beginning. You will do well, I think, not to send it to the young lady concerned.

Ever yours in Our Lord Jesus Christ

Ghent, 18th July 1840