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I have just finished your novena with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that I offered to the Lord in honor of our great Patrons, Mary and Joseph. I hope that our good God has answered our prayers, that the spirit in your house will be more and more perfected, that the hearts of some persons will be changed and turned towards us ... and that new pupils will be granted to us.

It seems to me that the request of Mme. N. is reasonable and that you will do well to make the change she desires. As for the use of the candles, you must wait; the matter presents difficulties.

Here, my dear Child is the seal of your convent: S.J. that is to say: Sanctus Josephus.

I will not have the leisure to write for some time. So Madame N. will kindly receive my answer to her letter, through her Reverend Mother.

Receive my good wishes for you and all your community on the occasion of the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Your ever devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 9th August 1840