

I am very pleased to know that the prize distribution went off well and that you are persevering in the wise confidence that our powerful patron will obtain fresh blessings for you. Yes, Saint Joseph will show you that he is your Father.

You do well not to inform Madame Euphrosine that you have written to me about her business. You must leave her all latitude to open her heart in her outpourings to you. Show her you have confidence in her, point out to her the snares of the enemy and, as she has a discerning mind, she will not fail to understand you and you will even be able to hope that you will enable her to overcome the difficulties with the help of grace. Try and get to know the cause of her woes, then inform me about them, and, if necessary, I will point out the course to follow later.

I am praying our good God to help you specially during the retreat and to shower down his favors abundantly on our dear children of the convent of Saint Joseph.

Receive my blessing, my very dear daughter in Jesus Christ and believe that in all circumstances I want to be to you

A very devoted Father in Our Lord

Ghent, 4th September 1840

Arrange for all your religious to get some rest and spiritual consolation after the tiring time they have just had.