

The news that you sent me gave me great pleasure. Above all I was glad to see with joy that the holy cheerfulness and devotedness of your good Children leaves nothing to be desired, and that you yourself have resumed your office with a courage less tangible than real. May God be praised for that!

You could tell Mlle. V. that you have received some money for her. That gives one courage.

As I hope to have the consolation of celebrating the feast of our Holy Patron at your convent, I am putting off answering the letter of Mme. N letter until my arrival in your midst. Please tell that dear child so and say to her that I am very pleased with the sentiments with which she has received the arrangements we made in regard to her. No way leads more directly to real good than that of the Gospel and humble obedience.

Before having your prospectus inserted in any papers, I wish to talk to your Reverend Mother Superior about it and get to know her opinion about the boarding fees that I am of the opinion to reduce to 350 frs. Write to me about this matter within a week.

May the Lord continue to give you his favors, my very dear child, may his love, more real than tangible, guide you and may our Holy Patron give you fresh proof of his powerful protection during the month we consecrate to him.

I give you all my fatherly blessing. Be my interpreter especially to our dear invalid.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 24th February 1841