

I am very touched by your attestations of filial piety. Accept my thanks for your good wishes and those of your dear Sisters. You and all the members of your community have been the special object of my prayers during the days of salvation we have just celebrated. I hope our divine Savior will answer our prayers and that we are going to walk with courage and generosity in the footsteps of our good Master. Do not let thoughts contrary to your peace of mind trouble you any more; do not dwell on them.

Do whatever you think good in the case of Mme. N.; but it will be necessary to assure her that I am pleased with her.

I was pleased to see the good sentiments of your chaplain. He is a very respectable man. His short stay here has given me very great pleasure. We have not decided anything about his salary; it seemed to me that he thinks little about it and that it will arrange itself.

I had thought I should these days be seeing your new boarder from N. and, thinking I should have to say a few words to you about her, I put off sending you my letter till this evening. Not seeing that person arrive, I conclude that she will go direct to Alost without stopping at Ghent. So, I am sending you my letter.

I wish your good pupils abundant blessings for the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord; I also want them to enjoy themselves during the holidays they have at the moment. Say many pleasant things for me to your dear invalid and to her dear Lady N. who will take so much care of her.

Receive, my dear child, my blessing and believe in the sincere devotedness of
Your spiritual Father

Ghent, 14th April 1841