

I congratulate you, my dear child, on seeing you at the Convent of the Holy Angels. There you will find less of that sort of work that prevented you at Alost from getting sufficient rest at night. Mme. N., on the contrary, will be better at Alost for herself than at Brussels. Thus this change will be a double benefit. I fully approve of it. Do not worry about feelings; when the effects of blind obedience are to make you resemble a passive instrument, they are what they must be before God and your Superiors. It is in fact a disposition like that one that you must always try to preserve; for it is not subject to illusions.

You will tell your Ladies that I hope to see them in the summer but that will not happen immediately. I like to think that I will find them all as I wish them to be, both exteriorly and interiorly. The classes must be well conducted; you can render service there; not having the same duties as Mme. N., you can give classes for more time that she did. The pupils are docile, but need to be constantly stimulated.

Count for sure on my not forgetting you in my prayers; you know how much I like to prove to you that I am zealously

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

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