

Although fairly long absences and different circumstances have seem to me reasons for putting off answering your second last letter, I am obliged to recognize that this time I have exceeded the length of time appropriate in this matter; I therefore apologize to you, my dear daughter, and hasten to make up for my fault.

You cannot fast yet. There is no need for the tabernacle to be blessed again. The Blessed Sacrament may rest in it and you may in the circumstances have Mass in the other house. I may come to Brussels next week and then we will decide about the questions you still have to submit to me. Please tell Mme. N., so that she will allow me not to write to her at the moment.

One sentence alone in your second last letter: "I love my divine Spouse, I wish to please him, so I hope he will take care of me", says enough for me to congratulate you on that wise disposition, console myself before our good God and rejoice in his blessings. Persevere, dear child, in these good sentiments and believe in the sincere devotion and unchanging devotedness of

Your Father in Jesus Christ

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