

I am delighted, my dear child, to see you advancing in the way of perfection. The fears that come from time to time to trouble your soul are unfounded. No, your heart is not divided; it belongs to its divine Spouse and I can assure you that you are striving to consecrate it to him without sharing it in any way. Believe a Father who would say with the same frankness, if it were necessary in order to be sincere, things less encouraging to a child whom he wishes to see belonging entirely to Jesus. Love then, dear Sister; love Jesus by working with confidence to do his holy will always. There lies the proof par excellence of true love. So do not worry so much about certain thoughts or certain movements that come to you against your will. Obey and you will have the proof that you love your divine Spouse.

Give me a detailed resume of all your occupations from morning until evening, so that I may understand what you are doing and what you know; I know what you are worth. These details must be for me alone. You must not make them known to anyone.

Receive the blessing of your very devoted Father in Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Ghent, 20th February 1836