

I am fully convinced that the sentiments you express to me are those of your heart. So I always receive them with true pleasure, blessing the Lord for obtaining for me such sweet gratification for the little I do. Accept my dear daughter, my sincere thanks for the wishes you sent me and, above all the prayers you are offering for me. I will redouble my zeal in helping you, especially also by praying for you. Please assure all your dear children of that.

If you were to have major repairs done to the tabernacle, it would have to be blessed again. It would be better to do only what is strictly necessary, all the more as you will only be able to use it provisionally.

I am very pleased to learn that Mlle. N. is recovering. She has the makings of a good Child of Mary, but it will need a little patience on our part and generosity on the part of the novice.

Receive my blessing once more and believe me, as you have been doing for so long, and try and get your dear children convinced, that I am with all my heart,

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 27th July 1842