

I too count a great deal on the continuance of your feelings of filial piety. On this matter I have received protestations so often repeated and coming from so pure a source that I could not doubt but that grace formulates them and sanctifies them. Now, the works of grace are worthy of the attention of God, and will eternally remain in Heaven, after having here below made the souls that were given them bear fruits of salvation. Your good wishes will therefore always please me and they will be very useful to me. I will also constantly make it my duty to offer prayers to the Lord for you until at last we find ourselves inseparably reunited in God in the abode of the elect.

I urge you to read with your Sisters what I say in my "Manual" p. 228, and to say together the prayer that is to be found there. What you tell me about your community gives me very great pleasure. Let us all try and persevere in the way of God's love. I give you my blessing, dear daughter in Jesus Christ and beg you to count on the devotedness of

Your affectionate spiritual Father

Ghent, 31st October 1842