I was expecting to receive the news that all your dear Sisters and even your novices, each in her own way, have profited from the feast of the Presentation of our august Patroness. I prayed for you on that day and even several days beforehand with all the zeal I could find in my heart.

As for you, be blind in obedience and generous in the love you owe your divine Spouse. That is the summary of all I wanted to say to you at the moment.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 23rd November 1842