

I was very pleased, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ, with the sentiments you expressed to me in your last letter. It is indeed the great proof that one is acting with the grace of the divine Spouse, when, in the depths of one's heart, one preserves blind submission and contents oneself with the decisions of one's superiors so as to silence all the repugnances of nature.

I am counting on having the happiness of taking my good niece Clothilde to the Ladies of Mary the day after tomorrow. May St. Joseph accept the sacrifice of this young person as well as that of her respectable parents! May we again see spiritual blessings descend on them and our Institute grow in means of salvation!

You may count on my zeal in commending you to our Holy Patron, on the day of the big feast, and even all through this month. My good wishes to all your dear Sisters.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

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