

Whatever you think about it, my dear daughter, your state has improved and in spite of the bitterness both your Superiors and St. Joseph himself cause you to experience, you have a greater resemblance to your divine Spouse than you would have in a sweeter and easier state of mind. So continue along your way and Jesus Christ will be pleased with you. Stop submitting to phantoms of that timid imagination, go on in faith, follow courageously where the grace of the Lord leads you and the bitterness will soon be to your taste, because your taste will be reformed to suit him whose good pleasure must always be everything to you.

I did not neglect your affairs when I approached St. Joseph. So count on that Holy Patron and on the goodwill of

Your ever devoted Father in Jesus Christ

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