

I was pleased to see that your efforts to introduce the tone of decency and politeness among your pupils are having some success and our good God is blessing your house with his customary generosity. I like to persuade myself that your novice will eventually triumph over the oddities of her imagination. Go on approaching the divine Heart of Jesus through the intermediaries of our august Patrons. What you have told me of your present disposition, allows me to give you the assurance that your heavenly Spouse is content with your efforts. The depths of your heart belong to God, my dear child, and that is the essential thing; the rest does not depend on us or is only of secondary value. Miseries even purify those depths of which Jesus has the right to be jealous. So have courage, be cheerful; set the example of the generosity of a true daughter of Mary and Joseph. You will more and more see the blessings of heaven come down on you and your work. Be convinced too that I commend you daily to the Lord.

Your very devoted spiritual Father

Ghent, 23rd June 1843