

You are proving to me, my dear daughter, that you are profiting by the lessons of experience and are understanding better and better that one cannot entirely, in this life, avoid the vexations and impressions of our nature. I congratulate you on that success and urge you to devote yourself more and more to your divine Spouse and to what his designs for you require of you. So fulfill the duties of your office prudently, but also without restraint or human fear. Go forward with simplicity, putting yourself above any little difficulties real or apparent, and leave the success of your efforts to our good God. I zealously unite with you, dear child, in praying our holy Patron to help us to draw the Lord's blessings down on the Institute.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

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