

The details you have just given me both of your woes, and of the good that grace is working in you, have been a matter of consolation for me. I see that you are understanding things better, not getting discouraged at the sight of your weaknesses nor expecting to reach perfection without a struggle, without working for it, and have more confidence in God. Go on arming yourself with courage to set aside sad ideas and to bear interior difficulties, as well as those that come to you from outside, and you will increase your merits, be more docile to the voice of your divine Spouse and see your efforts crowned with more success among your pupils and Sisters as well as physically and morally in yourself. Be cheerful as well as you can be and practice the virtue of 'entrapelie' zealously

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 29th April 1848