

Your letter, my dear Sister, is a new proof for me that your divine Spouse has special plans for you. The little tribulations will vigorously purify that heart he wants without having to share it, and then the workings of his grace will be marvelous. So be confident as Jesus invites you to be by so many special favors he has done you since your childhood. Be generous, doing the work of the divine Spouse in yourself and outside you. Holy obedience is that voice one must follow blindly. Do not reason with anxieties, but ignore them by confidence in me who represents Jesus Christ for you.

It is in him that I am  
your very devoted Father.

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