

I thank you, my very dear daughter, for the marks of filial piety you give me every time you have the opportunity to do so. I hope that our good God will reward you for these acts of a virtue that is dear to him. I have also asked for you an upright spirit, a calm, pure heart that generously loves its divine Spouse. I have asked for your dear Sisters, prudent and humble zeal and lasting sentiments of real love for each other.

I give you my blessing and repeat the assurance of my true devotedness.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 19th August 1851