

(Letter Dictated)
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Madame Superior

I know the sincerity of your sentiments and I appreciate the good wishes you sent me. I hope that the good God will listen to your requests for your Superiors. For my part, I also pray fervently that our Heavenly Father may bestow his most precious blessings on us, my dear daughter, and on the whole flock confided to us.

The news you give me is very consoling; I thank the good God, in particular, for the relief he has given to Mme Victoire. Like you, I hope she will return to full health, for she is able to render great service to our religious family.

What you tell me of the visit of your reverend Mother General is very edifying. I conclude that your whole community appreciates the zeal of our worthy mother and that her visit has left happy impressions.

I share your sentiments concerning the pupils of your free class. I join my prayers with yours to ask the blessing of the divine Infant Jesus on your poor children.

(In the Founder's hand)

I still call myself very sincerely

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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