

Madame Superior

Here is a response to the letter of your novice. It is a pity that all the novices are not in the novitiate and that their Mistress is not there, as the Rule demands. This state of things cannot go on; it does no honor to our Institute. Pray my dear daughter that these exceptions may cease.

Your affectionate Father in Jesus Christ  
C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 8th July 1856

My best wishes to your Sisters.

This is the letter which I request you give to Father Bosmans yourself. You will do well to go and greet the Grande Vicaires on my behalf and request their good offices. Also go to the Sisters of Charity and ask for their prayers. They are the children of one of my great-uncles; they will welcome you warmly and you can count on the help of their prayers, as soon as you know your plans. The priests at the College will also be of great assistance.