

Madame Superior

Your last letters have given me real pleasure. I realize that you have understood the remarks I made to you through our dear and very venerated Superior General and that you are conforming with them and are carrying them out with entire simplicity. You will not regret it, dear child, and the divine model whom you contemplate with love, during these solemn days, will inspire you on several points which agree with the doctrine I asked her to talk to you about. So have confidence in divine goodness, be patient and humble with your own weaknesses, and renew your courage every day in the inevitable struggles of our earthly pilgrimage here below.

Let us continue to thank the Lord for the good things he has showered on us, and his fatherly solicitude will provide the help we need according to the circumstance.

To you and your dear community, very dear Lady Superior, I give you my blessing.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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