

My very dear Lady Superior

Thank you for the good wishes, and above all for the prayers that you have sent to heaven for me, and for the pious family of which you have the happiness to be a member. You were not forgotten, I can assure you, especially these days, when I begged for light and strength for the superiors [Josephites and Ladies] of our Convents. I hope to see you and give you the enlightenment you desire. Meanwhile, count upon my devotion and zeal in helping you by my prayers.

Your Father in Our Lord Jesus Christ  
C. G. Van Crombrughe

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