

(Letter Dictated)
L.S.J.M.J.

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Madame Superior

I am very pleased with the sentiments you expressed to me in your letter of the day before yesterday; accept my sincere thanks.

I think, Madame, that it will be necessary to follow closely the indisposition of Mme Kostka. I am led to believe that it somewhat resembles neuralgia. You know that I (correction) I do not have reasons to have confidence in the ills of this gender.

(In the Founder's hand) My niece will pardon me for not writing to her at this moment.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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