

Praise be J.M.J.

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You and your dear Ladies of the convent of the Holy Angels have not been forgotten in my prayers these days, my dear daughters in Jesus Christ. The business of Mlle Bonte will have caused you some pain; and indeed without our giving any reason for such behavior, one must be surprised at seeing so much care forgotten in so few days. This changeability surprises me greatly and I am afraid Mlle Bonte will be sorry later for what she has just done.

I like to think that all your Ladies are gradually recovering. I recommend them to be rather prudent without however any of the pettiness which moreover I think them very far from having. The good order I have noticed among your pupils has pleased me very much. It is a step towards that state in which you will be able to direct your house and for which competition gives you double need.

Receive my blessing and believe me always

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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You will be very prudent about the English girl and will not delay in giving me news of her. Do not introduce her to all the exercises of your convent.