

My dear Lady

I will be sending you the note (word in French could mean: the bill) that you have just sent to me from the parents of our dear deceased. You will know later if you have some steps to take on the subject.

I thank God for the truly extraordinary favors that he has given you. Be always gratefully humble. I have not forgotten you in my prayers on the feast day of our Holy Patron.

Take reasonable care of your health and that of your dear Sisters. Our dear Madame Aloÿse greatly helps us: the convent of the Holy Angels have a special part in her prayers, without doubt.

When you write to me, always tell me a word about your pupils; that is pleasing and it keeps me up-to-date on the principal affairs of your convent.

I will do everything possible to help your dear novice Léocadie to prepare herself well for her profession. She must be cheerful and very generous, occupy herself with Jesus Christ and the happiness that her tender Spouse prepares for her with so much kindness, but very joyously.

All of you must take as much bodily exercise as possible. This point is essential and I recommend it specially.

Receive, dear child, my blessing and believe me always

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Do not permit Lady Euphémie occupations that are too sedentary and take care that she...