

My dear Sister

I too felt great satisfaction at seeing all of you so filled with the desire to faithfully accomplish what your divine Spouse asks. Respond constantly to the prompting of grace and your perfection will be the result of your generous efforts.

An observation has come into my mind; it is that you all speak and laugh a little too loudly. That is a coarseness of tone that you must try to correct, for it will be noticed more quickly at Brussels than elsewhere.

I will not make the change you suggest to me. We will see later what is of most use.

The young Lady from Ath will do well to present herself at my place, if she is passing through Ghent.

Let us pray, my dear Children. Prayer is very powerful and the preservation of our Rev. Mother at Alost seems to me a great need for our Institute. I do not have the time to write at great length, but you know that at all times I am sincerely

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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As my letter is for all of you, you will read it to the community.