

My dear Sister

You know your good wishes are precious to me and you have not been forgotten in my prayers these days in particular. Let us try to give our hearts unreservedly to Jesus Christ, so that he may make them pure and generous in his service.

I would indeed find it very pleasant to obtain for you the relief, that the lack of order or authority of your dear sisters makes you feel the need. But there is no possibility of my doing so. So you must, my Child, make up for the lack of experience of the others and increase your efforts to avoid the dangers with which your house might be threatened.

As for the sorry affair of the sodality, it caused me real pain. But it is over; and it only remains for us to beg Mary to remain attached to us, whatever may have been the cause of the departure of her children. Act with extreme prudence so that no one may have occasion to go on rendering you a disservice. I will pray with all my heart for you and for your dear Sisters as well as for your pupils. The time I am writing to you does not allow me to do so at greater length, you understand.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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