

(It seems the beginning of the letter is missing) ...

I had thought that your Rev. Mother would be coming to see you next week, and that is why I did not answer your last two letters. It seems to me that it be very difficult and perhaps impossible to establish a boarding school in Brussels. Let us put our interests, my Child, into the hands of Mary and Joseph. Let us not be anxious; if we are doing well, our efforts will be blessed and we will have the advantage of doing good at the same time as the Sisters of N.D. Let us go forward with courage and with wisdom, the good Shepherd Jesus Christ will not refuse us the signs that will make us useful to his flock.

Your Rev. Mother who will be arriving in Brussels one of these days, will take counsel with you in order to see by what means you can get Holy Mass and the other help you need. I will pray our common Master to continue giving you his favors and to make you grow in his love.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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