

Praise be J.M.J.

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I am very much obliged to you, my dear Child, for the good wishes your heart is offering for your spiritual Father. Accept my thanks for them and the assurance that I too will pray specially for you in the course of the New Year.

You may be very sure that I only put to Maria the usual questions and which could not have any deplorable consequences for anyone. But it has been noticed that Maria who is full of vanity, very thoughtless and superficial, has also acquired the detestable habit of resorting to lying. Let Sister Adélaïde read this. As for the errands she says she had done, with the very Rev. Mother, I beg you to look into the matter.

For the rest, my dear Child, take advantage of the stay of your very Rev. and very good Mother, to advance a little in perfection. Now that your physical illness the sensitiveness is cured, direct all your efforts towards what you know is pleasing to your divine Spouse. I wish you no longer, under any pretext whatsoever, to allow your heart which belongs to Jesus, to be disturbed or too affected. Watch over this matter. It is of the greatest importance to you. You know, my dear Sister, that I know my children and that you will always have in me,

A very devoted Father in Our Lord Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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Take good care not to believe me too occupied with important things, to dare writing to me; I do not know anything more important that to be useful to my children.