

Praise be J.M.J.

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Yes, my dear Sister, your good wishes pleased me very much, and it is with a full heart that I have said amen, amen, at the end of the outpouring of prayers your love for your Father and all our dear family, led you to make. May we, my Child, keep and bring to fruition the graces our good God has given us during the days of mercy we have just spent. Prudence, meekness, the humble realization of our wretchedness and that true and active charity will make us do great things in the souls confided to our care. Hoping that Mary will help you to make good use of these heavenly favors, I feel full of confidence both for myself and for my dear children, whose interests and temporal and spiritual needs I do not for a moment forget. Be cheerful, be generous and put your affairs in the hands of our good and powerful Mother.

Address yourself to your mistress general, my dear Sister, to find out what your instruction requires. I shall content myself with making one remark to you, it is that you may neither study nor read during recreation times, without express permission. You would be storing up straw for purgatory instead of pearls for heaven. Avoid that mishap.

I am yours devotedly in Our Lord Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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