

It is with so sweet and consoling a sentiment that I am thinking of your happiness, my very dear Sister Bathilde, that I could not find the right expression for it. So you are now the Spouse of that divine Savior, of that Jesus who died for us! Oh, my dear Child, what ineffable happiness and how your heart must be burning with love! I also feel intense joy at the mere memory of that sign of the predilection of God for you, and the happy disposition in which I find you for responding to the designs of the Lord. Never let go of the calm your heavenly Spouse gives you and that we have a right to find in you. If you are attentive to the voice of Jesus, you will work successfully in his vineyard, you will pass on to others the peace he has merited for you and you yourself will advance daily the work of your own perfection. So, enjoy the sweet things of heaven in faith and hope, until you possess them in reality and unadulterated in the eternal kingdom. Pray for the one you know is sincerely devoted to you in Jesus our Savior.

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