

L.S.J.M.J.

11-3

You did not fail in your duty, my dear Child, by not sending me the details I was hoping for. The matter is not urgent, and I should be very sorry if your duties as a class teacher, or your health were to suffer through my request. So do not be upset any more on that score.

I recommend to you again to be zealous in your instruction, in that of your pupils and, for as much as you can contribute to it, the instruction of your young sisters.

I also recommend you to take care of you health and, as you need sight to fulfill the duties of your holy state, take care of your eyes and beware of writing to me again without the help of an artificial light, when the sun is at the antipodes.

I have just written to the Rev. Mother of your convent that our dear Flore is accepted and that I want her to attend the classes like the boarders so that she may in a short time be capable of being useful as a teacher. I have just received a letter from that dear Child. She is deciding in favor of the holy religious state. (Corner torn off) ... to inform her that I agree to her entry and that you are charged with answering the letter she wrote to me.

I cannot end, my dear Bathilde, without saying to you a few words about the love of our good God. Often think of that divine love so as to inflame your heart more and more and purify it with that heavenly fire. Love Jesus who loved you more than his own life. Ask therefore that your heart be enlarged so that it can love more every day.

I bear you a keen and lasting interest in our Savior Jesus Christ.

C. Van Crombrugghe

13th October 1832