

LETTERS ADDRESSED TO MADAME LOUISE BUSSCHAERT (*)
Born Aug. 10, 1806; Professed July 29, 1835; Died Oct. 2, 1839
(8 Letters dated 1834 to 1838: Nos. 12-1 to 12-8)

Note: There are 14 letters addressed to a 'Sister Louise'. It is most likely that they are addressed to two different Sisters. Letters 12-1 to 12-8 to Sister Louise Busschaert. She was professed in 1835 and Died in 1839.

Letters 8-9 to 8-14 are most likely written to Sister Louise Descamps. She was professed in 1842 and died in 1876. The dates of professions and deaths seem to indicate two different recipients.

Praise be J.M.J.

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Mademoiselle

I was very pleased with the sentiments I found expressed in your letter. It is only the light of grace that can give the knowledge and happy dispositions I see in your soul. I begin by thanking God for his goodness to you and then I urge you to be very faithful to holy grace. You may no longer be preoccupied with your past life, and you must avoid all thoughts that would lead to sadness; the compassion that the memory of the passion of the Lord gives you, is not that sadness that I forbid you to have; so follow the attraction of God and you will learn to love him with all your heart. When you love our good God like that, you will do all he asks of you perfectly and become a true Spouse of Jesus Christ.

I am pleased to see that you are applying yourself to study so as to become useful to the Institute of the Sisters of Mary.

Receive, Mademoiselle, my blessing, and believe me sincerely

Your devoted servant in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 26th June 1834

Our good Brother Benoit is getting on well, apart from those fears, he is an excellent novice and, if he overcomes his scruples, he will render service to the Holy Church of Jesus Christ.

I would very much like your cousin Yzerbyt to come and see me without anyone at her convent knowing it. Would you not do well to write to her sister the Beguine?