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You will have learned, my very dear daughter in Jesus Christ that my health is good, and I cherish the hope that my spiritual children will obtain for me the complete cure of the neuralgia that has been tormenting me for rather a long time. I thank you for the interest you have in me. May our good God deign to reward the sentiments of filial piety that have always distinguished you.

I think you can model yourself on the counsels you have received from me. You are perfectly well known to me and experience in guiding souls provides one with lights; you have yourself experienced that since you have had a share in the direction of the Novices. Remain at peace in the humble knowledge of your inadequacy and go with confidence along the way holy obedience is tracing out for you; it will certainly lead you to God.

Always count on my sincere devotedness; never doubt the goodness of your divine Spouse, and rely on the sentiments of sweet mercy he nurtures in his heart for his Spouses.

Continue also, my dear daughter, to pray for

Your spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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