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My dear daughter in Jesus Christ

Your letter gave me great pleasure. I thank you for the good news you have given me. The ceremonial may be followed only in the points in which it is not contrary to the Constitutions. Now our Constitutions, art. two, no.3 states literally: each convent in which there are at least five voting Ladies chooses a delegate from the latter. So, everything has been done in accordance with that circular, in the desired manner and in conformity with the Constitutions.

Please inform Mme Superior General that she is mistaken in thinking that I said I would come to Malines for the profession. I may have counted on coming there for the 18th, but in no way for the 10th.

Receive, with my blessing, the assurance of my sincere devotedness,

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 8th August 1858