

My dear Sister

I feel real pleasure in informing you that I approve of the choice, that the Rev. Sisters voters of the Convent of St. John the Baptist have made in favor of you. So you will be admitted to vows, very dear Child. May our good God be blessed! It is he who is granting you that favor; it is even he who is making you desire it. How good he is! What will you render to him for so many favors? Ah! you are going to prepare better and better for him that heart he has chosen, you are going to give him generously all that you have and are without any reservations. Prepare yourself for this act, the most important in your life; prepare yourself with calm and with a generous courage full of confidence in Mary.

I cannot fix the date yet when I shall have the happiness of uniting you to Jesus Christ; it will be in July, towards the end of the month. So you will have plenty of time to make your preparations. Announce this good news to our Brother Benoit. He is not yet rid of his doubts. Perhaps our good God will bless your words and he will finally put an end to his everlasting indecisions.

I shall take care to commend you to our good God at Holy Mass; moreover, do not worry and do not neglect to pray for

Your very devoted spiritual Father
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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