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The interest I have in the novices, my dear daughter, makes me often think of you. I am praying our good God to grant you the graces you need to carry out worthily the important function with which you seem in fact to be charged. I am to-day specially asking St. Bonaventure, that excellent appreciator of the religious life, to pray for my spiritual Children and above all for the Superiors charged with guiding their brothers and sisters and forming the novices. Join with me in order to make my prayers efficacious.

You will want to give me a short note about each of the novices drawn from what you yourself have noticed. You may add to it the observations your Superior and others have suggested to you. Tell the novices also to write to me, but they may not ask to be helped by anyone and no one may help them, nor even see their letters that I charge you with sending to me.

Receive, my daughter, the blessing of

Your Father in Jesus Christ  
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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