

Praise be J.M.J.

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Dear Sister Louise

I had already learned that our good God had been putting you to the test; but I was clearly counting on the fact that you would not have gone back on the sentiments of submission that animate you. I give thanks to the Lord for the goodness he is showing you. Accept with confidence what your beloved offers you; these gifts are only results of his love for you. Lovingly kiss the hand that offers them to you.

I have had the braid sent as you requested and have added to the parcel a few more crosses for Sister Marie-Anne to choose from. I think I must avoid unnecessary expenses. Our dear Sister Marie-Anne would explain that to you, if it were necessary. Give her my kind regards, and believe, dear daughter, that I am always zealously,

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 18th July 1837

Next week, I am going to see dear Brother Benoit who is getting on wonderfully. Tell your former Mistress that I am going to see her nephews who are also getting on very well. It seems to me more and more evident that our veils have to be altered at the back. At Normanboch (?) they hang very well at the back, also they are very long. Look well into this matter with Sister Marie-Anne and let a pattern be sent for the sisters at Alost to examine.