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My dear Sister Louise

I thank our good God for the graces he is granting you and I strongly urge you to train yourself in the holy love of Jesus Christ. You have received a mind that understands its duties and a heart that loves them. Always make good use of both of them and your divine Spouse will be pleased.

You are right; there must be subordination among the lay sisters. There must be in their duties a first and a second and the latter must obey the former. It is impossible to make things go well when everybody is equal. How can one practice humility with the foregone conclusion that one does not want to be corrected except by the Mother or other higher Superiors? Arrange all of that with the Rev. Mother, without delay, and before the Very Rev. Mother leaves Mouscron.

I give you my blessing, dear Child, and am praying for you. Pray also for

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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