

LETTERS ADDRESSED TO MADAME LOUISE DESCAMPS
Born May 4, 1809; Professed Sept. 27, 1841; Died Aug. 21, 1876
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Praise be J.M.J.

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I am pleased, my dear Child, to accept the invitation you send me to give thanks with you to our good God for the extraordinary favors you have received from his generous hand. It is right for us to recognize the blessings of the Lord, and it is a duty to testify our gratitude to him. A well-trained heart finds delight in the sentiments of the good things it has received, dear daughter, taste the sweetness of divine love. May charity enlighten you more and more, may it guide you in all your steps and give joys to your mind and body in the career in which Jesus Christ has placed you. Carefully set aside all that could upset the pious calm of a heart that your divine Spouse has been pleased to love, in order to rest there and maintain a sacred fire that is to burn eternally.

Pray also on your part, my child, for

Your devoted spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 29th September 1842