LETTERS ADDRESSED TO MADAME JUSTINE VAN CROMBRUGGHE (Grandniece of C. G. Van Crombrugghe) Born July 10, 1845; Professed Aug. 30, 1867; Died May 16, 1914 (16 Letters dated 1859 - 1864)

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You always give me pleasure, my dear Child, when you give me news of yourself, and in simplicity keep me up-to-date about what the grace of our good Jesus is working in your heart. I am pleased with the dispositions you reveal to me. Nourish them by practicing them, and with the conviction of the need for the help of divine grace for rendering to the Lord what the favors he is granting you so generously, require of you. Go on along the way to which the hand of the heavenly Father has introduced you, following with simplicity and loving confidence, the impetus you will receive from it.

Until I have the opportunity of speaking to you in person about Mary and Joseph, I recommend you always to honor sincerely those two great Patrons. I give you my blessing, my Child.

Your devoted Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 3rd April 1859