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I am pleased, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ, with the submission you are showing to the decisions of your Superiors, whatever it must cost you to leave the novitiate. Fortunately, the absence will not be for long. The good dispositions our good God is giving you do not take away the means that the Rule grants to the novices.

I am praying for you, my Child. Continue doing so also for

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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