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I am very please, my dear Child, to know you are at the Novitiate. I congratulate you on that favor and thank our good God for granting it to you.

You will work more directly at forming yourself (word illegible) the heart of Jesus, before uniting yourself with him for ever, and at acquiring the sentiments of meekness and humility, that will make you pleasing to your divine Spouse and fit for the work for which he destines you. For my part, I shall pray the Lord to make you understand that he loves you and want to be generously loved by you.

Your devoted Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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