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Your letter, my dear Child, gave me the greatest pleasure. I was waiting for one with great longing. You tell me what interest me, with that simplicity that proves to me you are preserving that confidence that has been useful to you and must still be. Always seek to know the wishes of your divine Spouse, and show yourself generous in submitting to them in every circumstance. Endure dryness with humble courage and loving submission to the will of Jesus Christ.

Do not forget that your age and your health require moderation in your studies and precautions in class.

I want your letters and mine to be seen only by you, me and the Madame Superior General. You must conform to that Rule of our religious family.

Receive, my daughter, with my blessing, the assurance of the sincere devotedness of

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 9th December 1861