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(Dictated Letter)

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My dear daughter in Jesus Christ

I regret for delaying so long in writing a few words to you My excuse, your charity will make you find it in the present time of the year and above all in the weak state of my eyes.

Remember, my child, what I have written to you previously and make use of the excellent book I pointed out to you.

(In the Founder's hand)

I commend you with confidence to the very good heart of your merciful Savior Jesus Christ. Set your mind at ease, my dear Daughter, by thinking of the divine Child who has been the object of your most tender feelings of gratitude and affection, at the great solemnities we have just celebrated.

Receive my blessing and the assurance of my paternal devotedness.

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 24th January 1864