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I have received news of our good Madame Léontine, and I am pleased to tell you, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ, that I am edified by the sentiments of generous devotion with which that docile child is struggling against the difficulties bound up with the first changes of house. I shall however not ask her to reply or write to my protégés. That would reopen wounds that are perhaps not yet fully healed.

You will, I hope, have been pleased with the dispositions in which your four children received what I said to them through your mediation. The way they admitted their faults gave me pleasure. These are corrections that bring about great good in the souls that Jesus Christ is calling.

I am not asking for an immediate answer; I see that you have many occupations.
Always count on the heartfelt devotedness of

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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