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My dear daughter in Jesus Christ

I am putting, with confidence, a third child into your hands. Take care of her as you are doing for the other two. Wishing to be an intimate guide and a devoted Father for them, I want their correspondence with me to be perfectly free, and their letters to be seen by no one, any more than those they receive from me. I think it will be a good thing also to apply this to the correspondence of Constance with me. You will kindly inform the four children of this and also the Madame Superior. I am always your

Very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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