

Dear Sister Colombe

Your case is terminated; this is now it happened: After acquainting myself with your letters and the opinion of the Dean, your confessor; after having heard the Cure, Fr. Braye and the mistress of novices, I took the statement to the Bishop of Bruges who was at Mouscron yesterday. His Lordship was kind enough to examine the reason and the facts attentively and he gave the following judgment: that you may have acted weakly, during the time of your novitiate, and that you may have to reproach yourself for not having opened your heart to me when I examined you, for which you must ask God to forgive you; and that everything being well considered and the pro and cons well weighed up, you must not and cannot change your Institute. That you must fulfill the duties laid down in your rules and your vows and that in this you must be tranquil and blindly obedient.

I am ever, dear sister,

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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