

Praise be J.M.J.

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My dear daughter in Jesus Christ

You have acted rightly as regards Sr. Perpétue. She is a weak-headed and very vain person. If those ideas come back to her with any strength, she will not be permitted to make vows with us.

What you have allowed Mlle Clara does not seem so out of place, in view of the circumstances; but a permission of that kind being beyond your powers, you should have made her ask Mme Honorine for it, who is acting in the place of the Mme Superior.

I make the recommendation which you are often making to others; be less concerned about yourself; in that way you will do better in the sight of God.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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