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I willingly join you, my dear daughter, in thanking God for the favors he has deigned to grant you, during your pilgrimage, in this life, and especially for calling you to the sublime state of Spouse of Jesus Christ in the pious family of Mary and Joseph. These various gifts have just been crowned by the ineffable favor of receiving the last sacraments while fully conscious. We may now hope, my very dear Child, that you will obtain the place our august Mother and her divine Son have prepared for you in the abode of eternal happiness. Nourish the feelings of confidence that the grace of Jesus Christ has inspired in you. Count on the infinite merits of the divine Savior, on the love of Mary, on the intercession of St. Joseph, your Guardian Angel, and your holy Patrons, and on the prayers of your dear Sisters and your very devoted father in Jesus Christ.

I count on having the consolation of seeing you within a few days. Next week, perhaps even on Monday, I shall come to Alost, notwithstanding the small amount of free time I have at the moment.

In the meantime, count on my zeal in commending you in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, every day.

Your Father in Our Lord Jesus Christ
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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I beg you, my dear daughter, to go on commending to God your Superiors, your dear Sisters and your pupils.