

Dear Sister

I see that this rather roving imagination does not yet leave you entirely at rest. Yet, it is a strange, inconsistent mistress and does not deserve our attention. I tell you definitely, my Child, that you are where our good God wants you to be. You expose yourself to the displeasure of Mary and Joseph, by continuing in these kinds of doubts, and you would go far if you promptly put them in good order. Already it is noticed that you are too concerned with yourself and your mind is elsewhere than where Jesus Christ wants it. So, I forbid you, my Child, to spend any more time on these examinations. They do not come to you from God, but from your rather melancholy character, that would even lead you to becoming odd, and perhaps from your greatest enemy, the devil.

I pray Jesus Christ your divine Spouse to settle your heart and to attach you only to his holy will.

Your very devoted spiritual Father
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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You must attend the community meditation, when that exercise take place in common. (The last sentence crossed out)