

L.S.J.M.J.
(Dictated letter)

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I thank you, Mademoiselle, for the charitable wish you sent me. I know the sincerity of your sentiments and your confidence in our holy protectors. The portrait you paint me of yourself confirms me in the hope that I have always manifested to you, that with the help of grace, you will manage to put right what needs to be put right in you, and to make yourself a docile instrument in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(In the Founder's hand)

Be convinced that I shall help you with my prayers and receive, dear Child, my blessing.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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