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I think, my Child that you are feeling the need to express your gratitude as regards the good things of every kind that the Lord is showering upon you. I myself am experiencing a great desire to join you in thanking the Author of the favors granted to you. I thank him that I am one of the instruments that his munificence is using to lead you to the objective that you are to seek and obtain. That objective is a glorious one; it is to procure the glory of God and the salvation of many souls!

Your dispositions, you tell me, are always the same; a great desire for religious life, and blind obedience for all that will be decided by the Father, who bears a sincere and great devotedness for you in Jesus Christ. Count on it then with confidence, and continue to give him the help of your prayers, as well as the consolation of seeing you ever more and more zealous in the fulfillment of all your duties.

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