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Your letter, my dear Child, gave me great pleasure. I see that you understand better and better the favors the good God is preparing for you. To do the Holy will of the Lord is the object of your desires, what you seek and the true goal of your efforts. To attain the knowledge of that adorable and amiable will, you repeat the generous words so full of faith with which you answered the questions I have put to you on several occasions I accept your undertaking: the final decision, about the Institute, will not be long awaited. Pray with confidence. I am doing so as well. My interest is bound up with yours. We want the fulfillment of what God wants, don't we, my Child? You will accept purely and simply the decision you receive? Answer me on the 1st Sunday in August, but without hesitation and for the love of Jesus Christ, Son of God and of Mary, our good Mother.

Meanwhile, I am keeping to your idea of returning to Coloma for a few months and entering at Easter at the place God destines for you.

Receive, my dear daughter, the blessing that I give you with all my heart.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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I suppose you will go to the Holy Table on Sunday, and that you will talk matters over with the divine Son of Mary before writing to me.