

(Dictated Letter)

16-8

Mademoiselle

All your last letters have given me much pleasure. I have seen in them what it is important for me to know as regards your dispositions, and I have the conviction that the good God destines for you a great favor. It depends on you alone now to prepare your whole being, with the help of grace, for your sublime destiny.

According to your last letter, you needed three weeks to prepare for your departure. I do not have the address of that letter anymore and you forgot to date that letter. Mme Superior General spoke to me on the 11th or 12th of this month. A few days more or less do not matter to me at all, but it is very important for me to see you again at Ghent, as you pass through.

If Mr. your father wishes to accompany you as far as Coloma and to return home the same day, he will have to set out by the train that arrives in Ghent about 9 o'clock and you have to go to Malines by the one that leaves Ghent at 11:30, to arrive at Coloma at 2 o'clock. Your daddy will find an opportunity of returning home, to Malines, about 5 o'clock.

Ghent, 3rd February 1864

(In the Founder's hand)

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Remember me to Mr. your Father and to Mme your Mother. You will want to write to me, Mademoiselle, at least two days before arriving at my house.