

Praise be J.M.J.

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I applaud, my dear Sister, the efforts you have made, to get the time necessary for applying yourself in conformity with my desires. Take care now, to use that time well in the sight of God and you will infallibly succeed in doing the work of your divine Spouse. It is to there that I want to lead you.

Examine also whether it would not be a good thing to take less piano lessons, so as to have more time to practice and to reduce expenses as much as possible.

This is what there is to learn for Vespers. You will see that it comes down to very little. You always have the same Vespers; only the antiphons vary.

It is very certain that he who would be content with Holy Mass on Sundays and feast days, when it would not depend on him to assist at Benediction and Vespers, would not be fulfilling the intentions of the Church; would be guilty of sin and should not be in an easy mind about his state. That will be enough for your catechism explanation. Note that there is an immense difference between mortal sin and venial sin. Go forward with confidence and simplicity. I give you my blessing and repeat to you that I am yours, as I must be in Our Lord Jesus Christ, my divine Master.

Your very devoted Father
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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