

Praise be J.M.J.

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My dear Reverend Mother

I shall try and come to Malines next Monday; take the necessary steps to enable us to do a great deal of business in a short time. I will however give you as many days as I possibly can at the beginning of the week. I am putting off until Monday, in the afternoon, enlarging further on many topics. Meanwhile, tell Sr. Angélique that I grant her the permission she has just asked of me, and that you, my very dear Child, always promptly resist any temptation to distrust, to faintheartedness, and cast yourself without hesitation, into the heart of your divine Spouse. There you will always be sheltered from your own weakness and the effects of the enemy. I am praying a great deal during this month of salvation for us.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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