

Praise be J.M.J.

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Madame Superior Clothilde

Although the object of the request presented by all the Ladies of your convent of the Queen of Angels has already been achieved, I am pleased to come back on that matter again. The zeal shown by your Ladies to educate themselves pleases me very much, and their request, which is well drawn up, and all the little letters accompanying it, are pretty, show me that the success of their efforts could not be in doubt. If different more serious matters have left these prayers without a written answer, please tell your dear Children that I have not been indifferent to them, but that I am very satisfied with them, applaud their efforts, and pray God to crown them with success. I pray all the saints to draw down blessings on your convent, and to inflame you with no less keen ardor for acquiring the knowledge that leads to the abode of their happiness, than that which causes you to shine by qualities equally as precious that are envisioned as means to make flourish a house that is consecrated to the Queen of Heaven and to the work of the sanctification of children. May that two-fold knowledge always act in harmony and God will be pleased with you! Such is the wish formulated for you and your pious family by

Your ever devoted Father in Jesus Christ
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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