

Ghent, 28th July 1840
Praise be J.M.J.

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Madame Superior Clothilde (Name added)

Here at last are my answers to the letters you send me at Malines. I hope they all know me well enough at your place not to be upset or astonished at my long silence.

You will have learned of the holy death of our Lady Leocadie. It was on the 5th of this month that this beautiful soul went to receive her crown.

It seems to me that everything is going on well at Malines. Our good God is pleased to get us pupils so that we may have the opportunity to make his holy law known and loved.

I am confidently expecting that all is going on equally well at your place. Keep to our customs and to all that has just been regulated. It is the true way to avoid the evils of those innovations that are the fruit of our individual minds or our own views.

I am always sincerely

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ
C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 8th October 1840