

Madame Superior Clothilde (Name added)

It is a very pleasant piece of news that which informs me that you are getting more order and regularity in your classes. On that depends the progress of the pupils and the reputation of our Institute at Brussels. I thank our good God for this success he is deigning to grant your combined efforts. Persevere on this good way; you will go far in the presence of God and men.

What you tell me about the Ladies and the Sisters is equally a subject of consolation for me. I am easily convinced that the Saturday when you had the exercises you told me about, has produced a doubling of fervor which will go on increasing until Christmas.

I am sending my replies for a Lady and two novices. Read the latter, before passing them on, so as to be in a position to second me in the means I am using to guide those two subjects.

Let us all be of good courage and show ourselves worthy of the confidence with which the Lord honors us. Let us form for him faithful servants for the various states and count on his help in a work so agreeable to his fatherly heart. I am offering prayers for your community and for you in particular, my very dear Child. You know how sincerely I am

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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