

Reverend Mother

I am pleased with the sentiments you have for your Father in Jesus Christ. I think you will never have occasion to go back on anything: like his Children, that Father has a sincere desire to fulfill the designs of God in all things. May we go forward with our dear Sister Aloÿse in the ways of charity, always with courage, with generosity! Let us count on our Holy Patron and our august Mother Mary, when the moment ordained by Providence comes. The postulant from Ghent may enter only as a postulant. Here are a few portraits of our angel Aloÿse. Have two of them framed, one will be for the parlor, the other for Mr. the archpriest. I shall have one framed for Msgr. the Archbishop that you will have the honor of offering him together with a letter. Give copies to Mme your assistant and to Mr. the Superior of the Junior Seminary. These friends will, I think, take care to get them framed. Mr. the archpriest has probably already communicated to you my replies to the other matters, you wrote to me about.

Our dear Lady Bathilde will deliver my letter to you. You will have a good subject in that Sister; but take care that she is cheerful and do not let her study to excess. She will tell you that my journey to Mouscron was a happy and pleasant one for me and my children.

All yours in Our Lord Jesus Christ and for ever

Your very devoted Father  
C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, last day of St. Joseph's month 1838