

Dear Sister Clothilde

I am well persuaded that without having written to me, you have prayed for me on the occasion of the great solemnity which finishes today. I thank you, nevertheless, my Child, for the sentiments of gratitude which you have expressed to me for the services which I have so loved to render to you since I saw you at our convent of St. Therese. For my part, I thank the good God for having permitted me to be an instrument of his kindness towards you, of his designs of mercy towards you. Let us both rejoice, and let us never lose the memory of the mark (signs) of the love which the Lord has for us, so that we may never cease loving him with all our heart. ...
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So that dear Sister does not need to know that anyone has written to me about the subject.

Tell me also a little more clearly, that which caused your humiliation, something which you did not profit by, or at least did not find you with the sentiments which your divine Spouse would have hoped to find. Remind yourself that Jesus Christ says to you: Learn of me for I am gentle and humble of heart: therefore, you, Spouse of Jesus Christ, you must try to love humility.

If marking down your faults renders you more attentive and more humble, you would do well to mark them. If that does not produce those results, then do not mark them. That practice is not for certain cases.

Give a lot of care to the formation of your character. Try to be cheerful and always courageous. Be careful to flee from every sad or cowardly thought. I ask the Holy Spirit to grant you, my dear Child, the gifts of wisdom, of gentleness, of piety and of generosity. ...
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