

LETTERS ADDRESSED TO CLOTHILDE VAN WYMELBEKE  
Niece of C. G. Van Crombrugghe;  
Superior of Brussels; Superior of Coloma; Novice Mistress  
B. May 26, 1832; P. May 20, 1845; D. July 29, 1878  
(174 Letters dated 1834 to 1865)

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Your letter gave me great pleasure, my dear Niece; in it you gave me proofs of courage and of those sentiments of piety that work great things. May God the author of all good be eternally blessed! The renewal of your baptismal vows will have set the last seal on the project of renunciation that grace has inspired you with and I like to think you will have no more of those assaults in which nature only too clearly manifests its great weakness. I have been edified, my dear Niece, in seeing how you attribute to the fact that you have good parents, the victories you win in the attacks of both nature and the demon. Go forward in the same way, and soon that calm, which is so useful in the career you are embarking on, will be assured to you for ever. Soon you will enjoy the happiness promised to those generous souls who leave all for God. You will receive a hundredfold, already here on earth, what you sacrificed on the altar of divine love. Be convinced that I am joining with you in praying that you will obtain an abundant shower of blessings; I am very sure St. Joseph will help us and already we will have to thank him for what he has deigned to do for us since your entry into the convent. Let us be grateful and we will continually obtain new graces.

Count, very dear Niece, on the devotedness of

Your very affectionate Uncle  
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 27th of the month of St Joseph 1843