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Madame Superior

I congratulate you on celebrating the feast of the 16th with joy and confidence. Yes, we must rejoice in the prerogatives of Mary. We must also, as children, who know and love their adorable mother, count on her tender care, today above all when the enemies of her divine Son, driven to almost unbelievable excesses of infernal zeal, show us what they would do if their ardor was not stopped by her who is called upon to crush the head of the infernal serpent.

Confidence then. Mary, our mother will give the angels the charge of watching over us.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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All your relatives are well.