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I thank you, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ, for the good news you asked Mme Superior General to communicate to me. That relative to Clara: May that niece assume a very different way of behavior from the one they found in her during the last school year that lowered her so much in my eyes.

I would be very pleased to receive, as has always happened, a letter from your postulants, and even from your novices, since they did not write to me as postulants.

Mlle Justine always keeps a distinguished place in my esteem. I dare to think that she always deserves it. A letter from her will always give me pleasure. Please remind her of that.

Although I cannot always answer them, that is the way I get to know my children and it reminds me to pray for them.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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