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Madame Superior

I have been very pleased with the visit of our pious and dear Lady Superior General. I have only one regret, that too short a stay made me omit many things that I would have liked to ask or recommend.

I would be pleased to receive from the postulants, before the end of this month, a letter of their own composition that they would not show anyone so that I would be certain that these letters contain the real sentiments of the young ladies (postulants). The novices may also write to me, if they so desire.

If time allows you to do so, please add a few short notes to each letter so that I can get to know the writer. All is well at your Parents.

I give you, very dear daughter in Jesus Christ, my fatherly blessing.

Your very devoted Uncle C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 14th November 1860

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