

I pray our good God, my dear Niece, to grant your prayers and those that others have been offering for me. I try to make good use of the graces of the Lord and to share them with my spiritual children. I make it my sweet duty to commend you every day to our Holy Patrons, and through them, I ask for that you to become true daughters of Mary, and good instruments in the hands of divine mercy for the good of the young people that Providence has deigned to entrust to you. So you see that I ask for all the good qualities of a Religious and those of a person devoted to the education, for you, my dear daughter, and for all your worthy sisters.

You will offer my thanks to your Mme Superior General for her good wishes, pending the time when I can do so by word of mouth, next week.

Please read and send back the writing of my goddaughter. I call myself for ever

Your devoted Father in Our Lord.

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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