

Madame Superior

I am very pleased to have received the two letters, one from Mlle Justine whose health I prudently recommend to you, and the other from Mlle Apolline, the teacher of calligraphy whose writing seems too small to me, and of a kind that will not please everyone. However, before deciding to make any remarks to her about it, I will ask the advice of those more competent to judge it than I am.

Soon we will see Clara. May she fulfilled the promises she has made and lighten the burden of her father by reasonable and Christian behavior.

I like to think that Victorine understands her position better and has become diligent. She would have to be pitied if that was not so.

At your Parents all is well. At Henri's also I have been very pleased with the letter Mlle Kostka wrote to her sisters, in which she tells them things that are very proper about the sentiments they must have and to show to their mistresses at Doorzele. Give that dear niece kind regards on behalf of her uncle the Canon.

Also present my respects to Mme Superior General.

Before concluding, I will recommend to you the precautionary measures relating to the Lenten fast, that I have talked to our Superiors about in previous years.

Receive, my dear Lady Superior, for you and all your children, the blessing of

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ.

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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