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My dear Niece

I rejoice at the thought that the number of your pupils has increased noticeably. God be praised! You will not fail to do what enlightened zeal inspires you with to bring your children to the knowledge of their duties towards the Creature and towards the Savior. I will make it a duty to pray for you, your dear Sisters and pupils. It is a sacred duty for all of us, my dear Superior, let us try and acquit ourselves of it with zeal.

Always count on the devotedness of

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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