

Madame Superior

(Dictated)

I am very pleased to learn that my nieces Louise, Gabrielle and Térésa are doing well, and that they are proposing to respond to my expectations. I will help them to ask our good God for the help of his grace so that they derive from the care of their worthy mistresses, the advantages they are promising themselves. It is already a blessing for them to appreciate the education that they are receiving.

I have been very consoled to learn of the good results the retreats has had on your pupils. I have already passed the remark that the writing lessons given by Mme Kostka have produced very good results. If they take care to suppress certain little decorations that they add to d, to g, etc. and that I call trimmings, they will have taken a great step on the way to perfecting their writing.

Please tell Madame Superior General that I thank her for what she wrote to me in her last two letters. I will take advantage before long of the kind offer she made me. It is useless for her to do the Ceremonial. Present to her my kind regards.

(In the Founder's hand)

Receive, my dear Lady Superior, the assurance of my sincere devotedness.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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