

My very dear daughter in Jesus Christ

I am taking advantage of the journey Clara is making to Coloma to converse with you for a few moments. First of all, I will tell you that it seems to me that, since the incidents of which you have been informed, Clara is getting on much better.

At your Parents, all is well, and getting better and better. I have received a letter from Anna Stack. That child is a subject of consolation to me. She recognizes the blessings of God, and the instruments the heavenly Father has used. She speaks to me of you and the Ladies of Mary with affection. She is so happy to receive news of you. Her sister Marie is a servant according to recent letters, and useful in the cause of Jesus Christ our good Savior.

I enclose a letter for Térésa, in answer to the news she sent me of her reception as a Child of Mary. She tells me of that good fortune in a charming and edifying way.

Receive, with my good wishes for the day, the blessing given you with all his heart by
your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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