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Madame Superior

I would like to tell you of all the sentiments my heart contains that are capable of leading you to confidence as a religious. My eyes refuse to grant me that satisfaction. I am limiting myself to saying to you what your divine Spouse used to say to his disciples: You believe in God, believe also in me. Have faith, have confidence in Jesus Christ, everything is there: truth, way, life.

I count on seeing you before long. Others of your children are waiting for answers. I will have the pleasure of giving them to you in person in a fortnight, if it pleases God.

It will not be possible for me to render to Mme Van Ouwenhuizen the service she is asking for one of her sons.

All yours in Our Lord

C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 3rd of our Mother Mary's month 1862