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The good wishes you sent me, my dear daughter, gave me great pleasure. I appreciate the source from which they spring. I pray our good God to reward you for the generous sentiments you nourish towards your Superiors.

The trials that are taxing your heart are painful, but as God is sending them, do not worry about them. In the designs of the Heavenly Father, they are means to bring you to the perfection he expects of you. Do not be too preoccupied about the means, look at the ends to which they are destined.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 28th July 1862

Say on my behalf all that your heart suggests as being most capable of encouraging your novices to prepare themselves for their holy profession, and your postulants to leave this world and its vanities in order to enlist in the army of Jesus Christ.

Be also the interpreter of my feelings to my four nieces. You know how much I love them in God and how much I desire to see them good Christians in all respects.