

Here, my dear Superior is an answer I am sending to Mme Angele. I permit her to give it to her Superior to read.

You are receiving here the 20 francs you advanced: 10 to Flore and 10 to Teresa.

Without informing her that the recommendation comes from me, make Flore feel that she must take more care with her writing in her letters and that those liberties of abridging words are in bad taste, for example, ns, vs., etc. She tells her aunt she is writing a letter to Mme Olympiade; allow her to write that letter, without saying anything about it, but let that letter also go through me.

I have tried to fulfill my duties towards Sister Albertine and the change of place (illegible) in the cases of Mme Marie Charlotte and Mme Angèle has been the occasion for praying for those dear Children again.

When the opportunity arises, send me all the weekly numbers of the families that you have in duplicate.

Enclosed is a 20 franc note, the balance of what you gave to Flore and Teresa.

I am pleased to learn that everyone is happy that Coloma will at last have a recreation hall for the pupils.

The Lady Superior will also, I hope, have an office for her use, as a result of the alterations being made to the building.

May we spend a holy Lenten season! Let us unite in spirit with the whole Church and its head, Our Lord Jesus Christ, so that our prayers may be acceptable to God and we may satisfy his justice.

Your dear papa did not feel any bad effects from his trip to Coloma. He is very satisfied with it. All is well at your Parents. I have had the pleasure of paying them a visit today, after dinner.

I thank my niece Térèsa for the letter she wrote to me and please tell her I will pray, in accordance with her wishes, during the month of St Joseph. I will also take care to commend my other nieces to the great Patron. You, my dear niece Clothilde, no less than your dear sisters, may certainly count on not being forgotten.

Please, tell Mme Marcelline I am entirely of her opinion and will write to her before long. Meanwhile I thank that Lady for her remarks and the enlightened zeal with which she is carrying out her duties.

I give you my blessing, Madame Superior, and sign myself
 your devoted Father in Jesus Christ
 C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 18th February 1863