

My dear daughter in Jesus Christ

I owe you several responses that time has obliged me to refuse you, since you have been at Brussels. Now to make up for those letters, I am writing you a few lines to tell you I thank the Lord for sending you to the convent of the Holy Angels where your character can be formed, and where you will breathe easily under a Mother whose sentiments put you in harmony with each other. Profit by that situation, my dear Child. Become expansive towards the children and even with the Parents and with your sisters. Our good God will help you in your efforts to acquire those fine qualities.

Please tell Mlle Stacke that I thank her for the good wishes she sent me. I am pleased with the whole of her letter. There is a marked improvement since before her last letter. I am also very satisfied with the little letter of Anna. Tell both of them that I am praying for them, that I love them very much in God, and that I try to give them proofs of that in accordance as they strive to serve our good God by fulfilling all their duties.

Receive, my dear daughter, my blessing.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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