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(Dictated letter)

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Madame Superior

I wish to thank you for the lovely letter you sent me announcing the death of your dear Sister Mathilde. It is both religious and motherly in tone. I am sorry I did not think of showing it to your Superior on Saturday.

Please, tell my great-niece Leonie that I thank her for giving me good news of you as well as of her little sisters and her good mistresses, especially Mme Elizabeth.

Give my kind regards to dear Lady Julie. I understand and appreciate the sentiments animating her. She may count on my zeal in accomplishing her pious wishes, as well as those of good Pharaïlde.

My niece Louise is making her debut very successfully, by all accounts. Her health is improving considerably with the change in diet our doctor has prescribed for her. Please speak of that to Mme Superior General, to whom I have already said a few words.

(In the Founder's hand)

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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