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(Dictated letter)

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Madame Superior

I am taking advantage of the opportunity offered by my niece Louise to send you 35,50 francs with the request that you have them passed on to Mme Emerence who was kind enough to pay the subscription for the Brussels newspaper, 30 frs, and 5,50 for the historical resumes.

My niece will tell you I was very satisfied with the reports of her three sisters, your pupils, and that I am also very pleased with her sister Christine at Ghent. We could not thank our good God enough for the consolations he is deigning to grant us on the part of the children of cousin Henri and those of your dear sister Louise, (in the Founder's hand) my goddaughter.

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Receive, Mme Superior, my fatherly blessing

(In the Founder's hand)

I am sending you this little volume that will be useful to you for preparing your pupils for the First Communion, and even for inculcating the principles of perfection in your novices. In the use that will be made of this collection, precautions must be taken not to lose the pictures.

Please tell Mme Superior General that I refrained from answering the last letter Mme Angèle sent me, because the subject matter in it cannot be dealt with in a letter, and the treatise on interior peace, about which I have written to that Lady, contains all the replies to the difficulties that arise in the practice of the Christian life.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 21st January 1865