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(Dictated letter)

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Madame Superior (in the Founder's hand) Clothilde

Our cousin Louise will give you the little book and the 35,50 frs. mentioned in the letter I sent you last Monday.

Ask Mme Flore to be my interpreter to Mme Justine and to urge her from me to confide like a generous Spouse in the very holy and very merciful will of our Lord. For my part, I am praying our good Savior to preserve that young worker for us and keep her capable of still rendering great and long service. However, my desires are, as they must be, subordinate to the desires of the divine Master.

As I am expecting, when Louise returns, a few words from Mme Superior General in response to my last letter, I would be very pleased if she would kindly inform me whether our convents in the Malines diocese are insured against the danger of fire; if the answer is in the affirmative, with what companies and at what rates, are they. I am dealing with this matter for Alost and the houses of the Institute of St Joseph.

It has occurred to me that tea, supper or dinner, is sometimes served to one or other of your pupils, in the parlor, in the presence of a brother or male relative of that pupil. If what I am told is correct, I could no longer approve of that custom. It would be simpler to call your pupil to the refectory to take her meal there in the ordinary way.

(In the Founder's hand)

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ
C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 26th January 1865