

Madame Superior

It seems to me that the house about which you have written to me would be suitable for the Ladies of the Immaculate Conception. You have taken the most sure means for attaining the goal we must always have in all our undertakings. Persevere in that way; I will help you to the best of my ability.

I have given your papa the hundred francs that were missing from your account, and that I will have to send you for the boarding fees for Anna Staeck. I am adding twenty francs here. You will have the receipt for 120 francs sent to our good Anna. But that is not in a hurry.

You will take care to ask for dispensations from fasting for your mistresses and all the sisters whose health or function leads you to doubt whether they should be allowed to fast. As for you, my dear daughter, you will conscientiously follow all that the doctor and I have prescribed for you.

May our good God deign to continue giving his blessing to you and all your dear community.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 16th February 1857

Please put the enclosed letter in the letter-box.