

To Mademoiselle Julie
L.S.J.M.J.

19-18

You are right, my dear daughter, there is nothing wiser to do than to use the time the Lord gives us, to amass merits by the practice of the virtues your holy state requires of you. It is not prudent to dwell too much on the past. Let us leave it to the infinite mercy of God to take care of what it is no longer in our power to do; let us rely on that same mercy for the future and make use of the present time with confidence. That is how you will form yourself according to the designs of your Institute, the wishes of your Superiors and your own best interests. Love your divine Spouse and form yourself in the sight of that living friend to all that interior and exterior perfection requires in your happy position. For my part, I commend you every day to God in my prayers and at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Pray also for

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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