

LETTERS Number 03 and Number 3 are ADDRESSED TO
SISTER MARIE-ANNE de PONTHEUX, NOVICE MISTRESS 1830-1853
Born June 17, 1788; Professed March 19, 1830; Died Dec. 26, 1855
(35 Letters dated 1832 to 1851)

Letter Set Number 03, were found in a box in the basement at Uccle in 1980. They were copied into a notebook. The location of the originals is not known.

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Although you are still enclosed within the bounds of your corporeity, my dear child, I am no less sensitive to the wishes you offer for my happiness. It is in fact, the heart much more than the mind that I consider in the relations that exist between us. So I thank you with a full heart for what you would like to do for me. I hope our good God, touched by you filial piety, will have pity on me, and we will advance together in the perfection of our state. I also pray the Lord to grant you his most signal favors so that you may become an instrument still more and more perfect in the hands of mercy. Ah! then, my child, love Jesus very much! Jesus is so good, so lovable, so holy! So love him and make yourself so good and perfect that you are recognized as the Spouse of Jesus Christ and loved for the sake of Jesus. Purify more and more your heart which is to be the throne of Jesus and from which he is to shower his blessings on all who surround you. So, let us always have Jesus in view, he will soon be the master of our hearts, for one cannot think of him without loving him and wanting to imitate him. Such are the sentiments I wish you and with which I want you to live and die in order to live eternally.

Your devoted spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 6th January 1832