

I am adding a few lines to answer the letter I received from you the day before yesterday. First of all, I thank you for the details you entered into, which are all the more precious as they bring me up-to-date on what most eagerly interests me.

It seems to me that you have assessed the two postulants correctly: one is all on fire and the other is too timid. Put off again the journey of the latter, since there is still time before the clothing; I have not answered her at all on the subject, preferring to leave that matter to your choice and your prudence. Awaken that Sister to be brave and lead the other by reason, by faith and by generosity.

You have rightly understood the needs of the novices. Go on urging them to have confidence in God and then in those people whom his goodness has provided to form them to perfection. Let them be cheerful and generous - may the sight of the mercies of God make them grateful, so that from that they may come to the love of God, to which you will lead them by all possible means, that being our unique aim.

Your yourself, my dear child, be in the joy of the Lord, that joy which enlarges the heart because it is pure and simple and spreads a balm on the soul that gives a kind of life to all that surrounds it and sweetens all crosses.

I hope that the Lord Jesus Christ will shower down his blessings more and more on your Institute. I am praying to him constantly for that and our dear Angelique will render us great services in that respect.

All yours in Jesus Christ

Your spiritual Father
C. G. Van Crombrughe

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