

Dear Sister

I have learned with true pleasure that our young Sisters do not suffer from the dissipation I have noticed elsewhere. May our good God be praised for that! Jesus Christ deserves our hearts whole and entire and dissipation always takes some corner away from him. Let us all learn to find Jesus Christ in our hearts and to render him our homage there. In that way we will find strength and light for ourselves and others.

You will put off the ceremony of the blue belt until my arrival. The cloth for the cloaks is prepared. Reverend Mother General will have it delivered to you and will talk to you about that matter, and about the corsets and veils that are not all suitable, so it appears.

Have Mlle. N. examined by a doctor, and then put me in a position to get to know that person. I am answering her here only in an evasive manner.

Receive my blessing and the assurance of my sincere devotedness.

Your spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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