

Dear Sister

I like to persuade myself that you have taken all the precautions necessary for making recommendations in conformity with the interests of the Institute. The young Sisters must not keep back any part of the hearts that have been consecrated to our good God; one must always remember that nothing can ever upset those hearts consecrated to the Heavenly Spouse - that alone says enough. So let them always be cheerful as it is fitting for the friends of the Lamb to be. Console your postulants whose mothers are so ungenerous. Urge them to bear this great trial with courage. God will repay a hundredfold what they have suffered for love of him. They must fortify themselves against the effects of sadness. It is a dangerous enemy... Tell them I am praying specially for them. The dear Mlle N. is the most exposed.

I am sending a word also to your novice, let her be courageous too and always joyful. I was very pleased with her during my last journey.

You know that no one loves you more than your very devoted spiritual Father
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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