

What a joy for me to learn of the wonders of divine love that are manifesting themselves among your children! Feed my sheep; nourish them with the milk of religious doctrine. That is my recommendation. I read what you wrote to me to the Very Reverend Mother, before her departure for Bruges. I reprove those little excesses on the part of the novice that you wrote to me about. That often comes from a little attachment to one's own opinions, rather than to those of the Lord. Our Institute wants moderation in the practice of penance.

I have not been able to write to the novices for lack of time, but I am praying specially for them.

I give you a big blessing. Receive it and pray for  
Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ  
C. G. Van Crombrughe

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