

My dear Sister

The details you have given me have provided me with convincing proofs that God has granted you special graces to fulfill with success the office he has given you. May God be blessed for so generously seconding our feeble efforts! To him alone be the glory and to us his reward, and the continuation of his powerful help. So I am fully at rest both as regards your ability and as regards the result of your care for our young plants. God is visibly helping you, and consequently there is no longer any possible lack of ability. So be at peace my child, and continue with confidence as you have done up to now. I have already become certain that you are entering into the designs of the Lord, and the Reverend Mother General, whom God is also enlightening, has just given me new proofs that I had judged rightly. Like me, she blesses the Author of everything good, on seeing the way you are training our dear novices. Be thankful for the graces you have received and don't worry. Your divine Spouse has already done too much for you, for you to be allowed to doubt his tender affection and immense love for you.

For the moment I have no other recommendations to make to you apart from those I have already made. Love Jesus Christ sincerely and banish from your heart all anxiety, all that could lead you to sadness.

You see, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ, what obedience can do. You have received the graces of the office that obedience imposed on you. Have you not seen the same effect in our Reverend Mother General? Let us accustom ourselves to acting with faith and in the name of the divine Spouse of our souls. It is the work of God we are doing; let us therefore count on his help and each one according to the grace he has received must generously communicate it to others. Ah! if we could rid ourselves of our unbelief, we would no longer be troubled about our offices and we would have confidence not precisely in the person himself who fills the office, but in the official to whom God gives grace to fulfill the duties of the office.

Good-bye, my dear child, be always convinced that I take a very active interest in all that concerns your perfection, and the perfect accomplishment of the duties of your important office. Form the young Spouses of Jesus Christ carefully.

I am very sincerely

Your very devoted spiritual Father
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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