

My dear Sister

I have not been able to arrange manner of my affairs so as to make the journey to you. I feel the need of it for your house, but hope this need is no such as to cause much anxiety. I learned that your Sister Adélaïde is busy with other things than with what is her duty. She is in relations with outsiders about forming a hospital or a similar thing. She is a restless spirit and the Bishop of Bruges gave me to understand that she is not humble, etc. etc. I am writing about this to your Rev. Mother and telling her that she may talk about it only to you alone. Pray, my child, that this poor creature does no harm to your convent and, without being afraid of anyone, frankly give me the details you think useful.

I forbid your Rev. Mother to allow anything to be given to this new establishment and that no one from your convent be connected with it in any manner whatsoever.

I like to think that you have been pleased with my letters to your pupils. ...

(The end of the letter is missing)

(Not dated.)