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Madame Superior

May the Lord deign to deal with us in accordance with his great mercy and grant us filial submission to his holy and adorable will! Such is my reply to the letter you wrote to me yesterday. I am very sure it is the strongest sentiments also of my dear daughter Mme Marie Charlotte. I prudently informed the good parents of the invalid, of the event you told me about, but only roughly, without mentioning any alarming circumstance.

You will give me news without delay, and then, according to what the case requires, I will take consolation, or preach submission to what God is asking of us. Speak to that effect to our beloved daughter and assure her that I am praying for her.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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