

## LETTER NUMBER 1

1 1821-01-29  
2 Aen eerzaemen Broeder Vandenbossche in d' arme jongens schole te Geersberge

Beminden Broeder

Tot Audenaerde gaet men een arme-schole opregten ontrent gelyk d'uwe te Geersberge: eenige kinderen zouden 'er woonen en d' andere zouden 'er gaen werken. Men vraegt my of het zoude mogelyk zyn van dit etablissement onder de directie te laeten van onze Broeders van Joseph en op welke conditien. Ik weét niet wel wat antwoorden om het te doen volgens onze inzigten. Wat pyst gy? Zoude het mogelyk zyn van iets te beginnen met iemand van d' uwe? My dunkt dat God zyne inzigten daer zoude in hebben ... Het waer nog al wel dat gy eens by my konde komen eer ik myne antworde geve.

In afwagtinge verzekert onze broeders dat ik hun alle in den heere beminne, en dat ik besonderlyk tot u. geneben ben dat weét gy.

1821 29. feest du St François de Sales

C. V. C.

Myne complimenten na gewoonte.

29 January 1821

To the Reverend Brother Vandenbossche in the Poor Boys' School in Grammont

Beloved Brother,

In Audenaard they are going to set up a school for poor children, a little like yours at Grammont; some children will live there and others will go and work there. I have been asked if it would be possible to put this school under the direction of the Brothers of St Joseph and under what conditions. I do not know what to reply in order to accomplish it according to our intentions. What do you think? Would it be possible to start something with one of your Brothers? It seems to me that this might be according to God's intentions. It would be good if you could come and see me before I reply.

In the meantime, assure our Brothers that I love them all in the Lord and, as you know, I am particularly well disposed towards you.

29/1821 Feast of St Francis de Sales.

C.V.C.

My compliments as always.