

## LETTER NUMBER 10

1 1830-08-23

2 Eerzaemen Oversten der Broeders van den H. Joseph te Geersberge

Eerzamen Vader Oversten

Den postulant van by Corteryk heeft by my geweest en hy staet mij wel aen; hy spreékt wel fransch en is wel gemaniert. Hy zal by u kómen de toekomende weék om zynen proeftyd te beginnen, en ik zal hem dan by u spreéken. Ik dunke dat het voorzigtig zal zyn van hem wel aen te haelen, niet seffens aen zyn zelven overlaeten en niet te veél te pryzen voor d'andere meesters, uyt vrees van jalousie te maeken.

Ik heb wederom al eenen brief van Rooborst; ik peyze dat ik in t' kort daer zal moeten iemand zenden. Het zal misschien goed zyn deéze zaak wel te overleggen en den heer te bidden van ons te gééven wat noodig is om zeer haest aldaer te kunnen beginnen. Nogtans zal het noodig zyn niet veél daer over te spreéken, vermits alles seffens in uwe stad rond loopt. Leert aen uwe broeders hooren en zwygen, anders zullen zy noyt goede instrumenten zyn van het goed, in deéze moyelyke tyden. Zegt besonderlyk aen de twee broeders die er naer toegaen morgen, van niets daer naer te vertellen dan het gone elk mag weéten. Het zal misschien nog beter zyn voor alles wel te weéten, dat gy zelf met Br Augustinus daer naer toe gaet.

Myne hertelyke groetinghe aen alle de broeders

Uwen zeer genegen geest. Vader

Gend 23 aug. 1830

C. G. V. C. ch.

23 August 1830

Reverend Superior of the Brothers of St Joseph at Grammont

Reverend Father Superior

The postulant from near Courtrai has been to see me and I approve of him; he speaks good French and has good manners. He will come to you next week to start his noviciate and I will speak to him then with you. I think that it would be prudent to treat him gently, not to leave him to his own devices, and not to praise him too much in front of the other masters for fear of making them jealous.

I have received another letter from Rooborst; I think I shall have to send someone there shortly. It would perhaps be good to reflect on this matter and to ask the Lord to give us what we need in order to be able to start there as soon as possible. Nevertheless it should not be talked about too much because news travels very fast in your town. Teach your Brothers to listen and be silent, otherwise they will never be strong instruments of good in these difficult times. Say especially to the two Brothers who are going there tomorrow to say nothing about it except what everyone can be told. Perhaps it would be better for you to go yourself with Brother Augustin.

My cordial greetings to all your Brothers,

Your most affectionate spiritual Father,

Ghent 23 August 1830

C.G.V.C. Canon.