

To the very reverend Mother General of the Sisters of Mary of Alost

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It is in your hands as Mother of the Convent of Saint Joseph, the place of Mother being vacant at this moment that I give these objects, which are listed herein (a list of 18 objects follows).

I offer to the Lord all these objects, begging him through the intercession of Saint Joseph and also of the most Holy Virgin Mary, to be pleased to accept them as evidences of my affection and my devotedness to the Daughters of Mary and Joseph at the Convent of Alost, whose zeal for the honor of God and the salvation of children, is for me a subject of consolation and edification.

May the Spouses of Jesus Christ realize also with what sincerity I love them in the heart of our divine Savior, and how ardently I wish their charity to grow more and more in wisdom and in knowledge, so that they may discern what is best, and that their conduct may be pure and innocent until the day of the coming of Jesus Christ. As St. Paul spoke to the Philippians Chap. 1, v. 8 and following. My sentiments for you and your Children, seems to authorize me to use these words of the great Apostle.

And you, Reverend Mother, accept once again my felicitations on the blessings that the good God pours out on the Institute which you direct, and count on the sincere devotedness of

Your very affectionate spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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