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Man proposes and God disposes. Now, that adorable arrangement of the Lord's does not this time allow what we had decided about, a journey to Alost. For about a week I have been confined to my room with a slight indisposition. Everything allows me to believe that next week I will be able to carry out my plan without hindrance on the part of my health.

I will take care of your little matter in spite of this setback. Drive away all troublesome thoughts; be courageous; count on the help of the Lord; see in St. Joseph a protector at every instant; do not stop calling on Mary and you will have a year of blessing. I unceasingly ask for you to advance on the road to perfection.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

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