

I thank you very sincerely, my dear daughter, and I also thank your dear Sisters for the good wishes you sent me for my patronal feast day. I hope our good God hears your prayers and we will have the happiness of working together for a long time still for the salvation of the children his Providence deigns to entrust to us. Carefully nourish the sentiments of that enlightened zeal the Lord has given to a great many of my spiritual daughters. It is a real treasure; draw from it with confidence. You will do the work of your divine Spouse and become more and more agreeable to his heart and useful to his Holy Church. Receive dear child, my blessing and the assurance of my sincere and very affectionate devotedness.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 2nd August 1852

My kind regards to our dear invalid whom I always commend at the Holy Sacrifice.