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Please tell our dear invalid I am very consoled to see the happy disposition in which, by the mercy of the Lord, she is persevering and even perfecting herself. I make it my duty to pray specially for her, and we have the hope that we will not cease our pious efforts until the moment when they are no longer necessary. I again commend to her charitable zeal the family of which she is a member, and in particular, the Superiors who direct it, and the house of St. Joseph where she has received so many graces.

I thank our good God for the consolations he is deigning to grant you. Try, my dear daughter, to be very faithful to grace, and to help, with all your might, in the development of the good that must be done in your convent of St. Joseph.

Please give Mlle. Colette, in my name, 10 fr. for the purpose she knows about. It is a quarter of the annual amount we agreed on. I always pray for that good long-standing benefactress. I dare to believe she too thinks of me in her prayers.

Receive, dear daughter in Jesus Christ, the blessing of

Your devoted Father in Our Lord

Ghent, 22nd October 1852

Remember me to all your good Sisters.