

You have rightly judged my position; there is hardly any means of writing letters at this time. I am no less thankful for the good wishes you sent me and have prayed zealously for you and your dear Sisters.

Please tell Madame Félicité, I am praying our good God to grant her a prompt recovery, since the house of St. Joseph needs all its mistresses and at the moment, the Institute has no members to spare. I like to repeat to you that I am always with all my heart and very sincerely,

Your affectionate Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 12th January 1853