

Here is a letter for the Priest who says the Holy Mass for you. Please give it to him.
How is Thérèse your 25-year-old boarder? She must not be frightened by the little progress she making. If she generously continues for the good God, I will go on helping her. She must get to know that knowledge is only acquired in the long run, by repeating principles and elements for some time.

Tell Madame Félicité to think frequently of the passion of our divine Savior. She will draw lights, strength and pious sentiments from it. I make it my duty to recommend frequently to our good God that dear invalid. Tomorrow, the first Friday, I will please God, say the Holy Mass specially for her.

You will be kind enough to tell Mlle. Colette I have charged you to offer her my good wishes for the feast of St. Colette, and on the feast day, I will say the Holy Mass for her intentions, and to thank God through St. Colette, for the blessings he has deigned to shower down so mercifully on our religious Institutes since the year 1817.

As for your dear Sisters, my dear daughter, you will not be forgotten either these days or during the month of St. Joseph, or ever, I hope. My great wish will always be to see you advancing in grace before the Lord our God.

I give you my blessing with all my heart.

Your devoted Father in Our Lord Jesus Christ

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