

In spite of the endeavors of corrupt nature and of the corruptor, the beloved of your soul remains the sole master of you! I give thanks to him for the loving care he lavishes on you and urge you to make yourself more and more generous and abandoned to his divine Love. Oh, how useful it is, even how sweet it is, to want what God wants and as he wants it! Do not be anxious, dear Child, you know that I know you, and it is because I know your case that I am giving you the assurance that you want to be what your heavenly Spouse wants you to be. So go forward, despise your imagination, do what holy obedience requires, and rest in peace on the heart of Jesus. Nothing is capable of disturbing your rest, if you do not disturb yourself. Stop the anxieties as soon as they make themselves felt; at that moment you are still mistress of them. Do not give them time to gain strength by dwelling on them, but throw them off the scent by turning your attention to objects more worthy of you. Apply yourself to those branches of knowledge that will make you more and more suitable to render service to the Church in the humble family of Mary and Joseph.

Also always count on the devotedness of

Your spiritual Father

Ghent, 18th December 1837

