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For fear that my long silence causes you anxiety, I am writing you a few lines; I haven't the leisure to enter into details.

I thank you, my dear daughter, and all your dear Sisters, for the good wishes you sent me for my patronal feast day.

Please tell Mlle. N. and Mlle. N. they may count on my helping them to attain the holy and happy state to which the grace of Our Lord seems to be calling them. I very much approve of their adding one more year of study and preparation to the good dispositions they have already attained. Their letters pleased me very much; sentiments, style and writing, all seemed to me to point to talents and very good sentiments.

Please be my interpreter to these young Ladies. Help them and keep me informed of what happens.

I recommend you with zeal to Mary, during this time of triumph for her, you my dear daughter, and your Sisters and Postulants.

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 8th August 1853