

I thank our good God for the blessings he has deigned to grant your efforts to end the school year well. I beg that merciful Father to go on giving you his favors and to shower on you and your dear children at St. Joseph's abundant graces during your retreat.

Mlle. T's business is not definitely settled. How old is that young Lady, and what do you think of her ability for teaching?

I have still more trouble in finding what I want for Therese. She must have a little patience. Might she be suitable for our Black Sisters at Grammont? Please tell me what I owe you for that postulant pupil. You will receive the amount of my debt, when an opportunity occurs. Ask without being afraid of being exacting.

I will be pleased to see Mlle. N. She may also, like Mlle. N. count on my being well disposed towards them.

Receive, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ, my paternal blessing and always count on my devotedness.

Your spiritual Father

Ghent, 22nd August 1853