

Your retreat is finished, I think, and I congratulate you on the proofs the Lord has given you of his love, during those blessed days.

I have seen Mlle. N. and promised to second her efforts to arrive at the holy state she wishes to embrace.

Mlle. T. will be admitted to the Sisters of St. Joseph. Please inform me of the approximate time she could enter. It will be at Ostend that she will be making her novitiate.

Our good Thérèse will, I hope, be received by our Sisters at Grammont. I will write to you next week to fix the day when she can go there. I will also be in that town all the same week. It will be good for her to go there while I am there.

Give my kind regards to your dear Sisters, and receive for yourself and for them, the blessing I give you with feelings of paternal affection.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 2nd September 1853