

Yes, my dear Child, you will have a special share in my prayers. The favors your divine Spouse is granting you are guarantees of that love with which his heart is burning for you and of the graces he still has in store for you. Repay that ineffable goodness by proving in moments of combat that you have unlimited confidence in Jesus Christ. Adorable will of God, I want to conform to your designs and in everything I want what you want. That is an aspiration that will be useful to you. Oh! my child, if you could understand the good you will do in Holy Church when you no longer have any other views, any other desires than those of your Spouse! With what zeal you will hasten to meet all that your Holy Rule requires of you, when your heart is really empty of itself and filled only with divine love.

Be brave, dear child, be generous, be cheerful. Avoid recurrences of timidity; forget yourself in order to fix your attention on God and on what he wants of you.

I am more and more pleased with your style and your handwriting. You cannot be so with mine (writing) but you are pleased, I think with the heart of

Your Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 9th February 1838