

Malines, 21st May 1812.

Deacon at the seminary in Ghent.

I have safely received your letter through the theology student from your seminary and I am most annoyed that you did not start your retreat as soon as you had received my letter. I had been assured that your dispensation would arrive in time. One of my students was in the same situation and his dispensation arrived today and his retreat ends tomorrow morning. At worst you would have made an extra retreat, but a retreat is never useless. For the rest I am annoyed to have to tell you that there are never ordinations here in September. So you will have to wait until the Christmas ordinations to be ordained here and it is the same thing for my nephew Van Den Hende, whom I ask you to greet on my behalf.

I do not have the time to write at greater length so believe me always to be, with the same sentiments,

Your very affectionate uncle and very humble servant,

JG Huleu