

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **Blessings That Bear Fruit July 1863 - December 1863**

**First General Chapter of the Society of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

**Revision of the Constitutions at St. Bonnet**

**First steps for the Foundation of the Servants of the  
Blessed Sacrament in Angers**

*July 1-2 - At Laus to thank the Blessed Virgin.*

**1255**

**CO 1255**

**TO MLES. MARIANNE EYMARD AND NANETTE BERNARD**

(III 126/145 VI 10)

*Gap, July 1, 1863*

Very dear sisters,

I am here at Gap, I have just arrived, I will go to spend the night at Notre Dame du Laus. Friday we will leave from Gap and spend the night at Notre Dame de La Salette where I will spend Saturday and Sunday, and I will reach you Monday morning.

If La Salette were not too far, I would tell you to come; but I hesitate to ask that of you. If I can even shorten my stay at La Salette, I will arrive Saturday night; but if I haven't arrived by nine o'clock in the evening, don't expect me.

I am accompanied by two gentlemen [friends] of one of our friends from Marseilles; find out where I can find two beds for them; Pilloux's would be better, as it is best to be free.

My dear sisters I can spend only two days with you because it is urgent that I return to Paris. It was in order to gain a day and be able to see you that I took the tiring coach from Marseilles to Gap.

Don't count on me too much for Saturday, I am afraid I won't be able to; as I reflect on it, don't come to La Salette; I will be there so briefly and we would hardly have time to see one another there.

My respects to the Pastor. Please tell good Fr. Baret to come to see me at the house next Monday. I would also like to see Fr. Girolet.

I embrace you in our Lord. Will see you soon.

All yours,

Your brother,

Eymard, S

**1256**

**CO 1256**

**TO FR. ALEXANDER LEROYER, SSS**

(I 11/54)

*Notre Dame de La Salette (Isre), July 4, 1863*

Very dear Father,

I am writing you a few words from the Holy Mountain where I came to thank the Blessed Virgin and pray for the Society.

I will be in Paris toward the end of next week. From there I will write to give you my arrival date in Angers. Fr. Champion needs to spend three weeks in Paris for the *Ordo*, and during that time you will go visit Marseilles and revive your followers a little. Fr. Champion surely does all he can, but your Marseillais long and wait for you. Oh, what generous souls! You would preach a retreat to your Associates; I left it for you, so that helps them to be patient. I will go myself to replace you in Angers during that time.

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

I was a little weak from the heat; that helped me decide to come through the Alps.  
Give my regards to your Fathers and Brothers; I will soon have the joy of greeting them.  
If you didn't send your letter to Rome, wait for my return. Mr. Prevel has left there.  
Believe me always in our Lord, dear Father,

All yours,  
Eymard

Rev. Fr. Leroyer  
Superior of the Religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
At the Carmelites  
Angers  
(Maine and Loire)

**1257**

**CO 1257**

**TO FR. MICHEL CHANUET SSS**  
(I 4/29 VI 2)

*July 4, 1863*

Very dear Father,

Here I am at La Salette, at the feet of the Most Blessed Virgin; ten years ago, I came to place the plans for the Society at her feet; it's only right that I should offer her the first fruits.

I really prayed for the Society, present and future; for you, dear Father, and all your brothers, so that we might all become good adorers.

I came through the Alps, hoping this trip would improve my health somewhat, because I left Marseilles quite tired, my stomach was upset and I was worn out by continual perspiration. The perspiration has stopped, I hope the rest will also pass.

I will be there toward the end of the week.

You will receive four packages from Rome, costing 32 francs for 100 kilos, in addition to the cost of the packaging by the customs. In this same delivery, I will write to your dear sister for Miss Zenaide.<sup>1</sup>

Fr. de Cuers may have arrived, if so, he will tell you about Rome. See you soon, dear friends.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, S.S.

To Rev. Fr. Chanuet  
Religious priest of the Blessed Sacrament  
68 rue fg. St. Jacques  
Paris

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<sup>1</sup> His sister-in-law.

**1258**

**CO 1258**

**TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)**  
(II 223/395 VI 2)

*Notre Dame de la Salette (Isere), July 4, 1863*

Dear daughter,

Here I am at La Salette. I am praying very much for you and for all your daughters. I am offering you to our good Mother so that you may work with her for reconciliation.

I wasn't able to write to you, I was kept so busy in Marseilles that I didn't have time to breathe.

In the end I was struck by dysentery which left me a little weak, with continual perspiration. I'm going to try to leave it all behind, here on the holy Mountain. I'm going to spend a day at La Mure, then I hope to be in Lyons Thursday, and Saturday in Paris.

I will go to see your dear sisters. Goodbye for now.

My prayerful regards to all your Sisters.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

To Miss Guillot  
66 rue fg St. Jacques, Paris

**1259**

**CO 1259**

**TO MR. JOSEPH-AUGUSTE CARREL**  
(V 14/24)

*Notre Dame de La Salette, (Isere), July 4, 1863*

Dear friend,

I am writing you a few words from La Salette. I am on my way to Lyons, where I expect to arrive Thursday evening, and we can speak about my trip. I came to thank Our Lady of La Salette and I prayed for you and your family. I am happy to see that devotion to the Blessed Virgin is growing, and consequently, the kingdom of our Lord will come. My respects to your wife, best wishes to the whole family.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

Mr. Carrel  
3, quai d'Orleans  
Lyons

*July 12 - Return to Paris from Rome.*

**1260**

**CO 1260**

**TO COUNTESS D'ANDIGNE**  
(V 10/52)

*Paris, July 16, 1863*

Madame Countess,

I was going to write to you when your letter came to bring me so much joy. I've been here in Paris for four days. I haven't been able to tend to my affairs yet I am beginning with you. Your soul is always very dear to me in our Lord and for our Lord; so, I present it to him everyday during the holy Sacrifice.

Yes, enjoy the happiness which is yours to have your good Master be with you and for you<sup>2</sup> through love for your poor heart. So, do keep it for him in total simplicity and gratitude.

You will not attain peace of heart by being upset or worried, but by surrendering yourself to his divine goodness and mercy.

So, go to our good Master like a weak undeserving child goes to its mother's heart: an act of submission and surrender is more perfect than anything you could do; your place of choice ought to be at the feet of the divine Master, to see him, listen to him and feel close to him. It is because you reflect on yourself too much by yourself that you become fearful. Look at yourself in our Lord's mirror.

I am still thinking of going to Angers at the beginning of August. I will let you know.

My final advice is this: Your dryness and aridity come from the fact that you go to our Lord by yourself and for yourself. Do better: go for and through Him. Converse with his kindness, his love, his heart, and your heart will expand.

Goodbye, or rather, see you soon!

In our Lord,

Madame,

All yours,

Eymard

**1261**

**CO 1261**

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE (NEE DU CORNULIER)**  
(IV 48/104)

*Paris, July 18, 1863*

Madame,

I am here in Paris. Yesterday I found the card from your dear sister on my table. I had left in haste for the Visitation, and I was sorry to learn that she had left the previous day - I could have seen her. I am deeply sorry.

I brought the Brief for the Indulgences, the relic of St. Joseph, and even one of St. Helena. How can I send them to you?

I must go to Angers at the beginning of August; if I have a free day it will be yours.

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<sup>2</sup> French: tout a vous et tout pour vous.

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

My efforts to obtain the Reserved Sacrament failed before my departure. I thought I would succeed, the Cardinal of the Briefs had brought my petition himself, but alas! a second disappointment, as I had already tried another way in vain.

The Holy Father is very fussy about that. Your Bishop is probably the only one who might have tilted the scales or the Bishop from Manchuria. I was very sad about it; I would have been so happy to bring you our Lord!

God blessed us in Rome. I obtained the approval of our Society and also the great favor that the Associates who cannot make their adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed will gain the same indulgences before the Tabernacle.

Goodbye, dear lady, the mail is leaving.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

**1262**

**CO 1262**

**TO MR. DE BENQUE**  
(VII 4/4)

*Paris, 68 rue fg St. Jacques, July 18, 1863*

Dear Mr. de Benque,

I have returned showered with blessings from the Holy Father. I would really have liked to bring you even more for your beautiful and beloved work, but I was able to get information only. - It's possible to obtain an Archconfraternity, although it may be difficult. You need the help of the Archbishop, that is the essential condition. Then, it would be necessary that someone follow the matter closely, which could be done easily. It seemed to me that Fr. Le Rebours, as Director of the work, and as Vicar General, could have overcome the difficulties. When I mentioned his name, I could see that he is looked upon favorably.

I was very pleased, dear Sir, to learn about the success of Rev. Fr. Hermann and the satisfaction of his dear listeners.<sup>3</sup>

So now, a friend of mine, Mr. Lacroix from Tours, begs me to remind you to patronize Mr. Fabre from Tours as director of a branch of the Bank. They say that the director's job in Amiens is vacant, or will soon become so by the resignation of its incumbent, or the position of teller at Bordeaux, which they say would be equally good, and that Mr. Fabre would be willing to accept. I recommend this matter to God and to you. Mr. Fabre is spoken of very highly. However, as I write you all this, I am like a student with his teacher, I am [just] reciting a lesson of friendship.

Believe me in our Lord, dear and good Mr. de Benque,

All yours,  
Eymard

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<sup>3</sup> Fr. Hermann addressed the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

**1263**

**CO 1263**

**TO BISHOP GUILLAUME ANGEBAULT (ANGERS)**

(V 6/14)

*Paris, rue Faubourg St. Jacques, 68, July 21, 1863*

Excellency,<sup>4</sup>

I am writing to present you with my respects, our Decree of Approbation. Your testimonial letter weighed heavily in the scales, because, Your Excellency, you are greatly loved in Rome. They know that you were the first bishop of France to begin Peter's Pence, which is now the only resource for the Holy Father.

You have devoted friends there, and the Pope himself is very warm toward you, Excellency; he told me so.

I left the Holy Father in good health and full of trust for the Church's victory.

Rome is basically very calm, although there is unrest around its walls, [it is calm] because the soldiers of Catholic France are on guard; besides, a carefree attitude is somewhat characteristic of the Roman people.

I do rejoice, Your Excellency, at the thought of going to see you at the beginning of August and telling you personally of our filial gratitude.

I need to send Fr. Leroyer to Marseilles for a few days only, to preach a retreat that was promised there; that is why I will be replacing him in Angers.

Please, believe me ever in our Lord, Excellency,

Your very devoted and happy servant,  
Eymard

**1264**

**CO 1266**

**TO MISS PROUVIER**

(V 5/5)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, July 24, 1863*

Mademoiselle and dear sister in our Lord,

I am here in Paris, in the midst of a thousand and one things which were waiting for me. I arrived 12 days ago and I haven't been able to write to you until now, it is 10:00 p.m.

God really watched over us in Rome, we obtained our approbation. Thank God for us, for it is a great grace, it's our religious baptism. But pray even more for us and especially for me, so that I may not be too unworthy of such a holy vocation and I may glorify our Lord to a degree consonant with his grace.

I didn't bring your relics, they weren't ready, or rather, here is the story: as they didn't want to make such a large number, I bought two beautiful reliquaries to diminish the work; but then, they could no longer find the reliquaries. No matter how much I searched, or became angry, I had to leave with things unchanged, very unhappy. I asked one of my friends to go and to search it out.

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<sup>4</sup> Note written by Bishop Angebault: "replied."

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

I certainly hope that your efforts will not remain fruitless, or especially, without great merit. I sought a great deal of information for you.

A Community in Paris which has three houses, but no letters of recommendation from the Archbishop, only from the Nuncio, has just been refused: letters from Bishops are absolutely necessary.

I was very pleased to learn that your Work is going well, especially in Paris. May God be praised! If you had been on my path, I would have gone to greet you. Will you come to Paris? I am going to Angers after the Assumption, for a month.

Pray for me. Grace and the cross are inseparable.

I bless you.  
All yours,  
Eymard

**1265**

**CO 1264**

**TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)**

(II 224/395 VI 2)

*Paris, July 24, 1863*

Dear daughter,

I will hear confessions tonight after the rosary. I have a migraine headache this morning.

This important novena is worrying me a lot. I see many problems and suffering in either solution. Do you have any insights? I have had a head cold for the past few days. I must be like a night traveler who waits for daylight.

May the Good Lord show us what is best, his holy will.<sup>5</sup>

I bless you,  
Eymard

**1266**

**CO 1265**

**TO MR. EMMANUEL DE LEUDEVILLE (FR. DE LEUDEVILLE)**

(V 12/14)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, July 24, 1863*

Very dear brother,

Thank you for your letter, I was expecting it from your heart.

You are now at the springs. Follow the treatments like a religious exercise of obedience; do what must be done and restore your health a little.

External distractions joined to the loving thought of God: that is your life as a bather.

Go to God as God wants you: the situation is the path.

Live from day to day, but even that is too much: from moment to moment.

Everyone was deeply touched by your fraternal greetings: they are received fondly.

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<sup>5</sup> Perhaps for the Servants to leave Paris for a foundation of their own.



*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

Pray for Fr. Labosse, our companion at St. Bridget's<sup>6</sup>. He died suddenly at Auxerre. Fortunately, he had just sent me two rescripts from the Sacred Congregation. It was his last sign of friendship.

I bless you, very dear brother.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

Mr. de Leudeville  
at Mme Mignard  
rue Napoleon III  
at Plombieres (Vosges)

**1267**

**CO 1267**

**TO MR. RATTIER**  
(VII 2/2)

*Paris, July 24, 1863*

Dear Mr. Rattier,

So, must I always be your debtor! I will not be alone, because our Lord wants to share the burden, so then, you have two [debtors]. Thank you, therefore, but next time I will set limits to your thoughtfulness.

Dear Fr. Chanuet asks me to tell you that he will take care of the errand with M. Besson, and he sends his fond respects.

Believe me ever in our Lord, dear Mr. Rattier,

All yours,  
Eymard, Sup.

Mr. Rattier, at his estate  
at Faiz, via Nemours  
Seine-et-Marne

**1268**

**CO 1268**

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE (NEE DU CORNULIER)**  
(IV 49/104)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Paris, July 25, 1863*

Dear Lady,

Thank you for your letter. It is as dear to me as your soul, in the sight of God.

I was very happy to see your dear sister. Her face shows joy, peace, and the happiness of

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<sup>6</sup> Monastery in Rome where Fr. Eymard and Mr. de Leudeville had stayed.

God's service.

I gave her my little errands: first of all, your retreat; I didn't have time to reread it. I believe it is well done, but then, you can see what it is worth. Didn't I loan you some meditations on the Blessed Sacrament? I brought you an unusual relic from Rome: our Lord's nail, that is, one which touched the one they have at [the Basilica of the] Holy Cross of Jerusalem which I saw, as well as the wooden inscription from the cross. Why bring you this nail? To show you how our Lord was crucified, and also to remind you about his crucifixion, and to help you with your own. To crucify oneself through love, that is a Christian's life.

I must leave here the 19<sup>th</sup> for Angers. I may get an urge to go to Nantes overnight and return Thursday morning to Angers, since I must preach at night.

Goodbye good lady, I bless you at the feet of our Lord. Then we will decide on a confessor for you. I think you need more freedom and openness.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

**1269**

**CO 1270**

**TO MISS VIRGINIE DANION (SR. ANNE DE JESUS/SR. MARIE OF THE BL. SACRAMENT)**  
(IV 18/36)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, July 26, 1863*

Mademoiselle and dear sister,

I'm writing to tell you that I've just returned from Rome with abundant blessings from the Holy Father for the Society, but as for myself, I am still poor, even poorer, because now we are called to honor the Church and our Lord, and my wretchedness only increases. So you must really pray very much for me, since you love our Society, as we also greatly love yours. I was happy to say your Mass of thanksgiving in Rome every Tuesday, and now I like to continue saying it here. What are you doing? What is happening to the Work of thanksgiving? Your kind Director? And you, what are you doing?

I will leave August 19<sup>th</sup> for our house in Angers (rue Lyonnaise, at the Carmelites, Maine et Loire). I will spend only a month there. In a way it makes me happy because I will be more peaceful and calm, God willing.

At Rome I saw Msgr. Gallo, as well as His Eminence, but I hesitated to go see him since I don't know him well enough. I could see that he is a saint.

Believe me, in our Lord,

Dear sister,  
All yours,  
Eymard

**TO MISS EDMEE BRENIER DE MONTMORAND**  
(IV 2/4)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, July 26, 1863, rue Faubourg St. Jacques, 68*

Mademoiselle,

I brought your letter with me to Rome, in order to answer you from the Eternal City, and I brought it back here, unanswered. I am upset. In your charity forgive me, and don't lose your trust.

I was so busy in Rome over the great matter of [obtaining] approval of our Society that I didn't have time.

Thank our Lord for us. The Holy Father approved us with many blessings and much kindness.

Now about you. It's true that it's very late to answer your letter; but it will be a proof of goodwill.

I like your simplicity and honesty in the pros and cons.

You tell me about your impressions when you remember this person, and about the medal; I expected it. Our sleeping nature promptly awakens stronger than ever. So it must be watched carefully; cut the tree to its smallest root, in order that the tree of life may have all the sap of the new earth, you understand.

Be pitiless for the little branches that would like to grow again at the foot of the divine tree.

Oh! Yes, struggle bravely against natural impressions; they would make you suffer too much. Besides, divine love must lay hold of them like wood to feed its flame: I mean, those that could become evil; or else like a seed, to make it germinate, grow and ripen. That is the foundation of the spiritual life.

You need to know that when a soul wants to live a spiritual life, it has only one enemy left to fear: laziness, negligence.

So we must be assertive with ourselves, a gentle assertiveness for others and strong assertiveness towards oneself. This applies to your visits to the poor, your rising in the morning, your work at home.

I'm happy to learn about your temptation regarding direction. I laughed, because that must have cost you a lot; but truth comes first. Your soul is only dearer to me for it.

Love our Lord very much. May his love be strong in your heart, blossom in your works, [and be] royal in your life. Our divine Master is so beautiful, so good, so loving! Be jealous of his choice and proud of yours.

I rejoice over your chapel. How much happiness it will give you!

My best regards to your dear sisters. Now I am waiting to receive fresh news from you.

I bless you in our Lord,  
Eymard

1271

CO 1272

**TO COUNTESS FEGELY DE VIVY**

(V 3/3)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, July 26, 1863*

Madame Countess,

I have just returned from Rome, I was away almost six months. Therefore, it is high time that I should answer your good letter from the month of January.

Dear Lady, thank you for the kind sentiments you expressed toward me with so much charity! I do not deserve them! Yes, you are very dear to me in the sight of God, as well as your fine daughters. You are all in the daily remembrance of my heart and prayer, and in spirit, I often go to visit you at Fribourg.

Yes, dear Lady, you certainly have your crosses; the result of life and wealth; but you have the virtue which knows how to bear and sanctify them. You love God and Heaven above everything else. Oh! yes, God is everything, and Heaven is our only happiness!

Your desire to marry off Miss A. is quite legitimate and pressing. I wish I could help you in some way. First, I shall pray to our Lord for this intention.

The Good Lord truly blessed us in Rome. The Holy Father approved our Society and endowed it with great favors. Thank the Good Lord for us, dear Lady, because we did not deserve it. It was our Lord himself who, in this way, wanted to encourage [us in] our weakness, because noblesse oblige.

Goodbye dear Lady, I assure you that nothing pleases me more than your interests.

Therefore, believe me in our Lord, Madame Countess,

Your ever devoted,  
Eymard

Mme Countess of Fegely  
Fribourg (Switzerland)

1272

CO 1274

**TO FR. ALEXANDRE LEROYER, SSS<sup>7</sup>**

*L+S*

*Paris, July 26, 1863*

Very dear Father,<sup>8</sup>

I wish to speak to you about the Ladies.<sup>9</sup> I should be very grateful if you would speak to His Excellency about it,<sup>10</sup> to know if he would consent to be the first Father and founder in the good city of Angers. The time has come to make a decision. They cannot remain as they are - we must do something with them for the service of the Good Master.

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<sup>7</sup> The manuscript copy is in the Archives of the Chancery in Angers.

<sup>8</sup> Fr. Leroyer was the Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers in Angers.

<sup>9</sup> Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

<sup>10</sup> Note from Bishop Angebault: "Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament: Project for a House of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament."

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

There are about 20 of them. They have the wherewithal to establish and maintain themselves; so they would not be a burden... On the contrary, they will do much good wherever they will be.

There are some good candidates and I may say some very good adorers. It would be a grace for the region which receives them. There are several possible plans already - Grenoble would take them for La Salette, and Ars for its pilgrimage. In the South I have been approached by several people. They are thinking of them in Versailles. I confess I would be very glad to see them in Angers.

Tell His Excellency that the Holy Father blessed their Work 4-1/2 years ago in writing.

If His Excellency is willing to receive them, they should be established in the new quarter of the city so that each part of the city may have its adoration, and if, one day, the Ladies' Adoration could not take place at the Chancery,<sup>11</sup> it could be at these Ladies' place.

Try to see His Excellency as soon as you can, as other avenues might be sought, or we would accept what is already offered.

I forgot about your dear brother in Rome. You will be able to make up for that in Marseilles. I am truly sorry about it. I am sending you three forms. I shall take some to Angers.

My good wishes to everyone. Believe me, in our Lord,  
Very dear Father,

All yours,  
Eymard

P.S. Fr. Carrie also has a right to sign for the railroad.

**1273**

**CO 1273**

**TO MARIE FEGELY**  
(V 2/3)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, July 26, 1863*

Mademoiselle,

I am here in Paris after four months in Rome and the rest in Angers, where we founded a house of adoration. So now we have three houses and are preparing for a fourth.

The French newspapers may perhaps have told you<sup>12</sup> that the Sovereign Pontiff had approved our Society and enriched it with very precious graces.

It was on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the eve of Corpus Christi that our Decree of Approval was signed. So now we are baptized; what remains is to be faithful and to [work for] the perfection of our holy state which we do not have. Ask it for us.

I am entirely disposed to share with you all the indulgences of the Way of the Cross as you desire, dear Mademoiselle, and to determine as its condition the prayer "*O Bone Jesus*," on the crucifix of your friend, as on yours, and that of Madame your mother and sister, or the five Our Fathers and Hail Marys in honor of the five wounds of our Lord. You can gain these indulgences not only in case of illness and infirmity, but of travel, and during the night when it is morally impossible for you to go to the church for the Way of the Cross. As for your friend's crucifix, I would need to have it here, because I can only give these indulgences when I have the crucifix before me.

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<sup>11</sup> Group of Lay Women adorers meeting regularly in Angers.

<sup>12</sup> Miss Fegely was in Switzerland.

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

I thank you for your so kind invitations to come see you. I often thought of going to surprise you that way, when I go to visit our house in Marseilles. But it's so far, and then time, which passes so quickly, is lacking.

I would really like to see your holy mother who loves and serves God so well, your dear sister, happy in her room with all her things. I always remember her sad boredom in Paris.

For you, dear Mademoiselle, belong entirely to our Lord, like the Blessed Virgin, like his virgin and his royal servant. Oh! You have chosen the better part! How beautiful is the purity, kind the kindness, holy the love, of the One who is the Spouse and King of your heart, and the only law of your life! Always belong entirely to him, be but a flame which enlightens, warms and burns everything around it. Our Good Master is loved too little, and our love is so finite! We must make up for it by making him known, loved and served. If faith makes us into a disciple of Jesus, love makes us his Apostle.

Goodbye dear Mademoiselle, believe me ever in our Lord,

Your ever devoted,  
Eymard, Superior

**1274**

**CO 1269**

**TO MME. CLOTILDE THOLIN-BOST**  
(IV 49/52)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, July 26, 1863<sup>13</sup>*

Madame and very dear sister in our Lord,

I really blame myself for not writing to you as soon as I arrived, because afterwards I was busy with so many visits and business. In your charity, please forgive me. When I reached Lyons, my first visit was for you, but you had left the home of Mme de Launey; but, at least that is where I learned that your dear son was much better.

I was surprised to find your sister in Lyons and sad to know how she was dismissed;<sup>14</sup> God willed it so; may his holy Name be blessed! It is good and gracious everywhere.<sup>15</sup> Religious vocations, externally speaking, are only various colors of God's service, but not its basis and law. Therefore, dear Sister Antonia must continue to weave and embroider her beautiful white robe for Paradise.

So now you are at Joasson! - where the Good Lord has placed your nest - with your whole family. Fortunately, Heaven's dome covers you, the love of God is your atmosphere, his heart your dwelling, and his law your delight. Be happy.

I entrust you to good St. Anne. I am going to celebrate Mass. I bless you: you, your fine husband, your dear children, and your good sister.

All yours,  
Eymard

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<sup>13</sup> Published in French as 1864. Fr. Troussier indicates 1863 because of the content.

<sup>14</sup> from the convent.

<sup>15</sup> The holy name of God.

**1275**

**CO 1275**

**TO MISS AGARITHE MONAVON**

(V 8/9)

*Paris, July 28, 1863*

Dear Mademoiselle,

I have been in Paris for a few days; I was a bit ill when I returned, because of the heat and also because of fatigue. The sea was bad, but it was bearing more than Caesar and his empire: it was bearing the approval of the Society and many other graces.

Dear Mademoiselle, we have now been approved, but not sanctified. I understand more than ever that everything is vanity, and that virtue is personal. All these titles of honor are an attire which covers wounds or great weaknesses.

I will be here in Paris until Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. Then I shall go to spend three to four weeks in Angers at the Carmelites, on rue Lyonnaise, where our house is located. If only you were on my path! But you are too far. I would be so happy to see you and your dear friend!!! The Good Lord has not shown me the way.

Now it's your turn to give me news about yourself.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

**1276**

**CO 1276**

**TO MOTHER MARIE DE JESUS (EMILIE D'OULTREMONT D'HOOGHVORST)**

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*Paris, July 28, 1863*

Very Reverend Mother,<sup>16</sup>

When I returned from Rome, I found your book about Mary Reparatrix and your important letter.<sup>17</sup> I am writing to thank you with all my heart and congratulate you in our Lord for the wealth contained in this fine and excellent book and your happiness in such a beautiful and great vocation. You adore our Lord through Mary - she is the first Reparatrix of the world - and the first Adorer of our Lord. How blessed you are to have known how to unite Jesus and Mary in your Institute!

As for us, we are also very happy in our service of perpetual adoration, we also have adoration as one of the ends of sacrifice and from this point of view we are one at the feet of the same Master.

I recommend our young Society to your prayers, my very Reverend Mother, and I beg you to believe that I am in our Lord,

Your very devoted and humble servant,  
Eymard, Sup.

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<sup>16</sup> Superior of the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix.

<sup>17</sup> Literally: honorable letter.

*Aug. 19/23 - First General Chapter and retreat before the renewal of vows which were to follow the canonical approbation.*

**1277**

**CO 1277**

**TO COUNTESS D'ANDIGNE**  
(V 12/52)

*Paris, August 22, 1863*

Madame,

I will be in Paris on the 27<sup>th</sup> and entirely at your disposal. Number 66 is at your service and will be happy to see you.<sup>18</sup>

I won't be going to Angers yet, since they are repairing the chapel. When shall I go? The Good Lord knows. I will do what I can to support your wishes.

Pray for us: tomorrow, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will all renew our vows, following the approbation, in order that they may be canonical. Our house is full.

Believe me: go to our Lord like a poor, very poor person who is nevertheless loved and privileged, whose only virtue is gratitude, whose only merit is to know how to beg and to receive well; willing to be in debt toward its benefactor for everything and always happy to increase the amount of its debts every day; to be bankrupt but loving.

“Blessed are the poor!”

“The kingdom of heaven belongs to you.”

I bless you,

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

*Aug. 23 - Renewal of vows by all the religious.*

Aug 28 Conference Servants: The three degrees of love of our Lord in us. Advice. Our Lord's reign in us. Religious life.
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<sup>18</sup> She is welcome to stay with the Servants.



**1278**

**CO 1278**

**TO COUNTESS ADELE DE REVEL DE NESC**  
(VII 11/17 VIII 26)

*Paris, August 30, 1863*

Mademoiselle,

Your good letter pleased me. I am writing to thank you, but you are too grateful; alas! Mademoiselle, I did so little, and this little so poorly. You insist too much that I have done a great deal. Yes, I wanted to, and I still do. God alone knows all the good and all the graces that I desire for you, because I can see that our good Father loves you very tenderly and very generously; he wants you to belong entirely to him alone; the divine jealousy of his heart is very glorious for you and the peace and fidelity that he is giving you are its comforting proof. It is true that this divine life has its cradle, its growth, its perfection on Calvary, and that our Lord turns everything into a cross, a sacrifice; but it is in order to increase its value, your titles, the bonds of love, and to give you a greater life total. Oh, how good this dear Master is to multiply the days of our life a hundredfold. At the end of life, most of your loved ones are already in eternity, and God has left you the last in order to gather up their merits. When the slave or the prisoner sees his chains wear out or become lighter, he rejoices. When the heart says with more freedom and surrender: Our Father who art in Heaven, it begins to rise from this poor land of separations, farewells and exile.

Yes, Mademoiselle, let me tell you, my daughter, union with our Lord will take place in time and in eternity. Union in God and like God. I leave you in his divine love.

**1279**

The document is deleted because it is the same letter found in Volume V Doc. #1544 (CO 1548)

**1280**

**CO 1279**

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE (NEE DU CORNULIER)**  
(IV 50/104)

*Angers, September 10, 1863*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

I have just come to Angers for a day.<sup>19</sup> I am writing to tell you that the Carmelite chapel will be under repair until October 10<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, you are free.<sup>20</sup>

If I had come here alone, I would have gone to see you; but I am with the Master of Novices whom I will bring to Lyons to visit a few novitiates there. When I return to Paris, I will write to you. I would need to go to the springs at Allevard (Isere), for at least two weeks. I feel a little weak from my trip to Rome; but I'm afraid that it's too late. We will see.

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<sup>19</sup> To study the possibility of a foundation for the Servants.

<sup>20</sup> To come or not.

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The Carmelites will have a very lovely church. It will be more suitable for our Lord.  
My respectful regards to your dear sister. Believe me ever in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard

**1281**

**CO 1280**

**TO BISHOP GUILLAUME ANGEBAULT (ANGERS)**  
(V 8/14)

*Angers, September 11, 1863*

Your Excellency,

I have the honor of submitting to Your Excellency a presentation of the Constitutions of the Society of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, gathered in Paris in 1858, encouraged by his Eminence Cardinal Morlot, as a work of zeal, and by His Holiness Pius the IX on January 5, 1859.

**PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Servants of the Blessed Sacrament devote and consecrate themselves, under the direction of the local Ordinary, to the service of perpetual Adoration, by the exercise of the four ends of Sacrifice, in union with the life of the Blessed Virgin in the Cenacle.

**WORKS OF ZEAL**

To Adoration, they join zeal for Eucharistic worship, working to provide poor churches with suitable linens and vestments.

They instruct, under the direction of the pastors of souls, persons who would be late for their First Communion, or young adults who would not otherwise have the possibility of learning catechism.

They receive in retreat devout persons known to them who would like to make a retreat before the Blessed Sacrament.

**SPIRIT**

The Servants of the Blessed Sacrament are to serve their divine Master with the fidelity and self-denial of a good servant, in a spirit of love and sacrifice, wanting and desiring only one thing: the greater reign of Jesus in the Eucharist by their own annihilation, like St. John the Baptist.

**MEANS**

In order to serve our Lord more perfectly, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament make to the local Bishop the perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and the eucharistic vow.

They maintain cloister for the love of our Lord.

**MEMBERS**

To be received as a member of the Society requires:

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1. A good reputation
2. Adequate health for day and night adoration
3. The ability to recite the Office
4. The practice of the interior life or at least an aptitude for it
5. A simple and docile spirit
6. A real devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, an attraction of grace to the life of adoration.

### POSTULANTS

The Postulancy lasts three months during which the postulant follows all the exercises of the novitiate in secular dress.

### NOVICES

Once the time of postulancy is over, the election of the postulant as a novice is submitted to the secret vote of all the professed sisters of the house.

To be accepted, it is necessary to receive half of the votes plus one.

The novitiate begins only with the taking of the [religious] habit. The novice's vocation is examined every six months. She is then informed of whatever she needs to correct or acquire, under pain of being refused for profession.

This examination is written in the appropriate register.

### PROFESSED

Three weeks before the end of the novitiate, the election of the novice to profession is submitted to the secret votes of the professed Sisters of the house requiring the majority of the votes plus one.

A novice admitted to the grace of profession prepares for it by seven days of complete retreat.

Before her profession, she takes the necessary steps for the vow of poverty.

### NATURE OF THE VOWS

1. By the vow of poverty, the professed sister renounces the use, usufruct and administration of her property, of which she keeps the radical domain. She may give up the use, usufruct, and administration to whomever she wills, inside or outside the Community.

She may always, even after her profession, with the permission of the Superior, give property, either by will, or to whomever she wishes.

She follows the same rule for any other property which could come to her either by will, or as a gift.

With the permission of the Superior, she may perform whatever legal actions necessary for the administration of her properties.

2. By the vow of chastity, she consecrates herself fully to God and renounces marriage forever.

3. By the vow of obedience, she immolates her will and gives it to God into the hands of her legitimate Superiors, according to the purpose of the Society.

4. By the eucharistic vow, she dedicates herself perpetually to the service of Adoration, accomplishing by vow the hours of adoration which will be assigned to her by obedience.

### SUPERIORS

1. The first Superior of the Society is the local Bishop to whom all promise filial obedience.

2. Under the direction of the first Superior (masc.), a Superior (fem.) governs and directs the Community, according to the spirit and Rule of the Society.

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3. The Superior is named by all the professed Sisters, by two-thirds of the votes, by secret ballot and for three years; she can be re-elected a second time.
4. The confirmation of the local Ordinary is required for the validity of the election.
5. The choice of the Mistress of Novices, if there is one, must be submitted to the nomination of the Bishop.
6. In harmony with the Mistress of Novices, the Superior assigns the sisters to the various secondary employments of the house.
7. Every year, at the end of the year, she gives a report to the Bishop on the personnel and finances of the Community.<sup>21</sup>

*Sept. 12 - The Bishop of Angers approved a foundaiton of the Servants in his diocese.*

**1282**

**CO 1281**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 125/181)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Angers, September 12, 1863*

Very dear Father,

We have found great riches in Angers: the Reverend Jesuit Fathers were kind enough to lend us their Novitiate Directory, and we have been copying it here for three days, we are near the end. I hope to leave tomorrow or Monday at the latest.

I saw the house doctor, a Christian and learned man. He is obliging me to go to the springs at Allevard, under pain of being unable to do anything in two months time. He says that my lungs are tired and my larynx also. So then I will go into exile again for a month. I hate to do it. I resigned myself to it in order to continue to work, if God wants it.

I will reach you tomorrow night or Monday, and leave again as soon as possible for Lyons. From there, I will go directly to Allevard.

Our trip to Solesmes was very good; also at la Trappe of Laval. I didn't see the Bishop; he was gone.

In our Lord, dear Father,  
All yours,  
Eymard S.

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<sup>21</sup> The Manuscript ends thus.

## 1283

CO 1282

TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)  
(II 225/395 VI 2)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Angers, September 12, 1863*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

I've just come back from the Chancery. The good and holy Bishop of Angers will welcome you in his episcopal city as his daughters; he will be your father, and you will be fine Servants of the Blessed Sacrament there.

It was eleven o'clock when he said this *fiat* which will fill you with joy. God has prepared a good and devout pastor to guide and help you: the Pastor of Notre Dame, Fr. Crepon.

I wasn't able to find a house yet. The Pastor will do so. our Lord knows where he wants to lodge. So then, thank him and ask him where his chosen Cenacle is to be.

I will always be your father and even more dedicated. I will arrive tomorrow night or Monday.

I bless you in our Lord.

All yours in his divine love,  
Eymard

*Sept. 16 - Fathers Eymard and Chanuet spent the following weeks in various communities to study their Constitutions and take notes.*

## 1284

CO 1283

TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)  
(I 126/181)

*Aix, Pension Bossuet<sup>22</sup>, rue des Ecoles, September 20, 1863*

Very dear Father,

Here I am at Aix. I only passed through Allevard; the springs were closing there on that very day, here they are still open: they say there are still 500 visitors. I will continue my treatment for the time needed.

Thank you for your kind letter, it really pleased me. I read it and will reread it again, for it is very practical. You could ask for the 50 francs from the locksmith for No. 66.<sup>23</sup> When you have some good thoughts, write them to me, they will keep me pleasant and welcome company.

I sent Fr. Chanuet to the Grand Chartreuse. We were very satisfied in Lyons with the Carmelites and Dominicans. This trip is very helpful.

My fondest wishes to the household. Oh! what a sacrifice it is to be so far away from Exposition!

All yours in our Lord, dear Father,

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<sup>22</sup> Written elsewhere as Pension Bossuet.

<sup>23</sup> Faubourg St. Jacques 66 - the residence of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

P.S. For the foundation Masses Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, they must be said right away. If you have not said those for this week, as I believe I told you, they must be said as soon as possible as I did not say them. To pay for these Masses, I advised Fr. Carri to withdraw the interest from Le Clere's every six months. That is where there is a note to subtract from [the expenses of] the printing of the Constitutions, and a painting.

**1285**

**CO 1284**

**TO BROTHER GABRIEL**

(VIII 3/4)

*Aix-les-Bains, Pension Bossuet, Sept. 21, 1863*

My very dear and esteemed Superior,

It has been a very long time since I sent you my fond and devoted greetings! When I see your dear brothers in Paris, I am very happy to hear news about you, and I know how richly God has blessed you. You will have a beautiful crown, for you have founded a most useful and pious Society in the midst of so many sacrifices!

God has also deigned to make use of my limitations for the Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It has been approved by the Holy See since the month of May. It now remains [for us] to strive for the holiness that should go with it. Help me, beloved Father, to obtain this.

Now for the main purpose of my letter. I know a good young man, 17 years of age, who is educated, devout, of good character and good health, but he is illegitimate. He wants at all costs to be a Brother. His mother is a very good and fervent Christian, and she has made amends for her fault.

Can you receive him? with next to nothing? as his good mother has kept him in school up till now.

I can assure you that you will find him to be an excellent candidate.

I feel confident that I can trust in your kindness for a prompt reply. I will be in Aix for another week.

Believe me always, in the love and devotion of our Lord,  
good and most dear Father Superior,<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> The following letter is a reply from Brother Gabriel:

Belley  
September 1863

Very Reverend Father Superior,

I am (illegible) by our brothers who are gathered together on retreat and are at this moment about to leave. I have time just to tell you that, out of consideration for you, I will accept the young man about whom you told me; but when he comes he will have to bring all he can. I shall request the dispensation with regard to the irregularity concerning his birth.

I have always kept, esteemed Father, a most pleasant memory of you. I congratulate you on the success of your Work and the approbation it has received from the Holy See.

That is indeed proof that it is the work of God. Our congregation enjoys the same privilege, and I can only praise God for having protected it in the same way.

Please I am ever, in union of prayer,

Your most devoted servant,  
Brother Gabriel  
Sup. General

All yours,  
Eymard, Sup. of the Society  
of the Blessed Sacrament

**1286**

**CO 1285**

**TO FR. ALEXANDER LEROYER, SSS**  
(I 12/54)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*                      *Aix-les Bains, Boarding House, Bossuet House, September 22, 1863*

Dear Father,

I have been here for three days because of this cough, which is caused by sinus; I have had it since my return from Rome, and it provoked a sore throat. I'll stay here about two weeks.

I'm taking advantage of my free time to work on what is lacking in our Constitutions and to compile the notes from our visits to the various novitiates. Fr. Chanuet and I gathered excellent information from the different groups: now we must choose what will suit our eucharistic purpose.

While admiring the Rules and Constitutions of the various groups, we kept saying: that doesn't equal our purpose, our eucharistic means. Our purpose is greater; they are richer in means. Oh! it is true: before the sun of Exposition and the religion of adoration and love, everything is eclipsed.

One Superior told us: "Jesus Christ is on the line of fire now. It is no longer a dogma or a truth which is being attacked, it is himself. You are the Society for our times. I have a high regard for your Society."

Now, about Marseilles. I want to send you Brother Chave, so that he may go to Angers with Brother Henry, so that you may have them do their philosophy.

**1287**

**CO 1286**

**TO COUNTESS D'ANDIGNE**  
(V 13/52)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum!*                      *Aix-les-Bains, Pension Bossuet, September 22, 1863*

Madame, etc.,

I am here at Aix-les-Bains. The springs at Allevard were closed. God willed it so.

I thank our Lord so much for having given you this positive sign of being forgiven, of your purity of life and of his love for you. Such a grace is not received through the imagination; imagination is a ghost or a breeze.

Take hold of this peace and trust in God. Don't let yourself be troubled by the past; in fact you must and you will do it faithfully.<sup>25</sup>

Love suffering [that comes] from God: it's a field to be tilled; but don't abide in suffering, but in patience, submission, offering and surrender which are the virtues of one who suffers. So much for personal suffering [that comes] from our neighbor. But for those which come from God, go further: thank him with love, because he wants to purify your faith, purify your love, perfect your trust, force you to place yourself entirely in him instead of dwelling in means.

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<sup>25</sup> Find peace.

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Sufferings from God are: temptations, dryness, interior trials, fears, terror, etc., at the sight of our weakness.

In such states of soul, flee the temptation in itself; go beyond yourself, go to the feet of the Master, thank him for this storm which made you run to him.

In a word: Love and serve God through self-denial and holy surrender.

Farewell in our Lord. May he bless you and possess you in his divine love.

Eymard

**1288**

**CO 1287**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**

(I 127/181 VI 3)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Aix-les-Bains, September 23, 1863*

Very dear Father,

Don't worry about me; I am being well cared for. I don't feel the effects of the springs yet; however, I can bear them without fatigue.

Here is the state of the matter about the Masses:

1. I said the four foundation Masses, each week, until Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the day of my departure from Paris. I left you the responsibility, as Superior of the house, to have them said, beginning the 15<sup>th</sup>, that is, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week. Therefore, if you did not say those for the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>, say them separately.

As for the money which should pay for the stipends, use the interest on the money placed for that purpose with Mr. Adrien Le Clere. The interest is 6 per cent. Consequently, it yields a dividend of 5 francs for each Mass, and a little more. These Masses must be celebrated on determined days during the year. The interest is withdrawn every 6 months. So, as the Masses are said before receiving the stipends, since they are received all at once, I was putting in the Mass cash box as many francs as Masses said, when I was not the one who held the cash box and the accounts for the Masses, as has just happened during my trip to Rome.

So therefore, in order to know when the interest is due, consult the note from Mr. Adrien Le Clere. If that confuses you, wait for me and begin by saying the Masses as I said above, for the intentions of the foundress.

2. It is for the house that I am saying my Masses, not those from Fr. Carri's cash box, but those which you found in my room: all these Masses are for 1 franc (at least I think so). Put aside the notes you found until my return.

In the cash box there is a letter from Miss Danion, from Mauron, with 52 francs. That is a Mass of Thanksgiving which I say every Tuesday. The 48 other Masses, which she mentions in her letter, have been given elsewhere to be said.

Therefore, by telling Fr. Carri not to count my Masses, I wanted to give them myself from those you have in hand. Don't assign those in my box to others, but rather those which Fr. Carri has, or at least wait for me before giving them to other priests. I don't know whether I am very clear; you be the judge.

I will do what I can for Brother Abel.

In our Lord, very dear Father,

All yours,

Eymard



*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

To Rev. Fr. de Cuers  
Superior of the Religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
68, rue Faubourg St. Jacques, Paris

**1289**

**CO 1288**

TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE (NEE DU CORNULIER)  
(IV 51/104)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Aix-les-Bains, Pension Bossuet, September 23, 1863*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

Here I am at Aix for bronchitis. I expect to stay about 10 more days. I am here alone with our Lord, feeling deprived of Exposition, but it is God's Will.

I received your last letter and I read it carefully and sadly.

No, no, don't give up Holy Communion, that would be like giving up your medicine and your life. It isn't given to you because you are sweet, kind, humble and recollected, but in order that you may become so, that you may bear with yourself in humble patience.

Believe me, you are in a state of temptation. You don't know how to make yourself known.<sup>26</sup> What can you do? Oh! Not what you are tempted to do. You frighten yourself. You measure yourself against the graces you have received or your dear sister's virtues or what you should be! It would be better to put aside such frightening and discouraging mirrors and look at yourself in the mirror of weakness and God's power, of your imperfection and his mercy, of your poverty and his goodness.

One day I was really crazy. I felt as if our Lord was showing me that my love for him was merely vain childish feelings. Don't be like that. How then can we love the Good Lord? For him and in him and lose oneself a bit more in his goodness.

I'm expecting a letter from you, because, when I received yours, I was on the point of leaving for Nantes and I ran out of time.

In our Lord, Madame and dear sister,

I am, all yours,  
Eymard, S.

**1290**

**CO 1289**

TO MLLES. MARIANNE EYMARD AND NANETTE BERNARD  
(VI 3/10 III 145)

*Aix, September 24, 1863*

Very dear sisters,

I am sending you the letter, accepting that dear child you recommended to me. He will be very happy here.

In the other place they were requiring that he pay board. That would have been very difficult

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<sup>26</sup> How to be open with a confessor or director. Ed.

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

for his poor mother.

The springs are helping me.

I am waiting for the names of the people you wish me to enroll. The Pastor has given me news about you. I know that my parcel arrived. I think they wrote to Paris. The letter will be waiting for me there, so don't mention it.

Goodbye, dear sisters,

Your brother,  
Eymard

**1291**

**CO 1291**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 128/181)

*Aix, St. Michael, 1863*

Very dear Father,

I love to receive news from you often, thank you, thank you so much: it alleviates my solitude.

Yes, take Fr. Champion's room and choose a good stove, especially something practical and clean. I am bringing you some money.

Then, the thought of separating the professed from the novices is statutory.

Your letter just came telling me your plans for a room.

My opinion would be to leave the whole second floor for the Novitiate, not to give Fr. Champion's room to the novices but to leave the room downstairs for their use, as it is better to keep the first floor for the professed.

I like the good idea you had about St. Michael. Yes, let us honor him well. He is the soldier of God's glory.

I expect to finish my treatment toward the end of the week, and go from here to rest a little at Father Chanuet's brother-in-law's home, where the Blessed Sacrament is kept, and to do some work there.

The treatment doesn't leave me any time; also, it leaves me disturbed and prevents me from sleeping. I know it will make a big difference, but only later, because at this time, my nerves are on edge.

Don't write to me until I send you a new address.

In our Lord, very dear Father,  
I am yours,  
Eymard, S.

**1292**

**CO 1292**

**TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)**  
(II 226/395 VI 2)

*Aix, September 29, 1863*

Very dear daughter,

Thank you for your kind letter, I was going to write to you when yours arrived, but there is no time for anything here at the springs.

If you receive a letter from Angers for me, keep it until I give you a new address. I told Fr. Crepon, the pastor, to send my letter to you.

So Miss Thomas has left: too bad and yet all the better. Since she couldn't take it upon herself to become a true religious, it was better to make a decision. Oh! Let that be a good lesson. All for our Lord, not for individuals. I will write to Sr. Jerome. Mr. Gaudioz and his dear daughter wrote me fine letters.

I didn't have time to go visit your sisters, someone accompanied me from Lyons. All I could do was pay a quick visit to Mme Marcel, whom I found very tired.

Don't worry about me. The springs agitate me a great deal. I'm told that usually happens. I'll sleep later on.

Don't write to me until I send a new address; I expect to take a few days of rest at St. Bonnet and finish my treatments this week. I wrote to the Bishop of Angers thanking him in your name for his fatherly care in welcoming you.

Goodbye dear daughter. I bless you, Sr. Benoit and all your daughters.

In our Lord,  
All yours,  
Eymard

**1293**

**CO 1293**

**TO BROTHER GABRIEL**  
(VIII 4/4)

*October 1863<sup>27</sup>*

Very respected Brother Superior,

I am sending you my good young man. He is setting off happy and full of good will. I am sure that you will make him an excellent brother of the Holy Family.

I thank you with all my heart for being willing to accept him with conditions so filled with charity for him.

I hope he will not be the last I shall have the joy of sending to you. For your devout and holy Congregation is very dear to me; and, what a beautiful crown awaits you in Heaven!

Believe me to be, ever in our Lord, my dear Brother Superior,

All yours,  
Eymard  
Sup. Cong. S.S.

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<sup>27</sup> Probable date.

**1294**

**CO 1294**

**TO FR. ALEXANDER LEROYER, SSS**  
(I 13/54)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Aix, October 1, 1863*

Dear Father,

Thank you for your kind letter, it pleased and edified me as always.

About the profession, put it off until my visit to Marseilles, because it is well that the Brothers understand their commitment clearly.

People will be so happy to receive you and see you again in Angers, where a beautiful chapel is waiting for you.

In Paris, don't mention the foundation of the Ladies in Angers. It's better to keep it a secret for a little while longer.

I will leave the springs and go to spend a few days in solitude in order to work and rest a little, because the springs left me upset and agitated.

My address is: in care of Mr. Blanc de St. Bonnet, at Saint Bonnet, via Vaugneray (Rhône). He is Fr. Chanuet's brother-in-law, and he has the Blessed Sacrament in his home.

My regards to good Fr. Champion. I know he has reached his destination and is as courageous and dedicated as ever.

My regards to good Fr. Peilin. I would so like to see him feeling better; to all the brothers; may they always be dedicated children of the eucharistic family.

In osculo sancto, dear Father,

All yours,

Eymard

P.S. In my visits to religious Orders, I didn't see any Order in France calling its Superior General "Most Reverend Father", but "Very Reverend Father". I would prefer that: it is more ordinary. Please tell the Fathers of the house to no longer use the title "Reverendissime."

**1295**

**CO 1295**

**TO MOTHER GUYOT**  
(V 3/8)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Aix, October 1, 1863*

Dear Mother,

Thank you for your letter; I wanted to tell you the news, but I did the same as usual! - And then, the treatments at the springs keep one so busy!

I am finishing them and I am going to rest and quiet down a little for a few days in solitude to regain my sleep and quiet.

I still don't know what the results of the treatment will be. I am not worse, I am better.

I am sorry that my daughters are so late with you.<sup>28</sup> I will really scold them; it really hurt me.

My Fr. de Cuers can be excused a little; you know that he doesn't like to go out and converse.

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<sup>28</sup> Mother Marguerite? Ed.

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Please good Mother! Let your cell be your retreat, don't be like a sleeping patient, but converse a little more with our Lord, that's why He is keeping you infirm.

I bless you as ever in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard

*Oct. 1 - To St. Bonnet, in the family of Mr. Blanc de St. Bonnet, to rest and work on the revision of the Constitutions. "St. Bonnet was to be for me the holy cavern of St. Benedict, Mount Alverno of St. Francis, the Manresa of St. Ignatius; better let me say, my Cenacle of recollection."*

*The following 16 letters were written during that period.*

**1296**

**CO 1296**

TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)  
(I 129/181 VI 3)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*St. Bonnet, via Vaugneray, October 6, 1863 (Rhone)*

Very dear Father,

Here I am with Father Chanuet's family, in the greatest and most delightful solitude, with the Blessed Sacrament and a holy family: this is what the Good Lord prepared for me that I might rest a little and work peacefully. I've already begun, and I hope that our Lord will continue to give me his graces. I am beginning to sleep again; my coughing has diminished and my pulse is gradually becoming more normal. So, don't worry about me; just pray and have others pray for me, so that I may be one with our Lord on this mountain and write under his influence.

*In osculo sancto, very dear Father,*  
All yours,  
Eymard, S.S.S.

**1297**

**CO 1297**

TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)  
(II 227/395 VI 2)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*St. Bonnet via Vaugneray, Rhone, October 6, 1863*

Very dear daughter,

I am very happy and peaceful here at St. Bonnet's. My health is improving: Mme Marguerite and Miss Zenaide take such good care of me! I'm really at home.

Sleep is returning and my cough is lessening, as well as the nervousness from the springs.

Pray and thank the Good Lord for me as I am also working for you.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> Working on Rules and Constitutions.

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

My good daughter, may you, Sr. Benoite and your dear daughters all pray a great deal, this is the time to do so.

I bless you wholeheartedly, you and all your daughters.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

Miss Guillot  
66 rue fg St. Jacques, Paris

**1298**

**CO 1298**

**TO MME. CAMILLE CHANUET, NEE CROZET (SR. CAMILLE DU SS)**  
(III 2/3 VII 17)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Saint-Bonnet, October 6, 1863*

Good mother, sister and daughter in our Lord,

I am here at home among your children, in the family, as though in a religious house. It is the most gracious, admirable, devout family that I know. The good Master must be happy here, where he also shows us such great kindness! It seems that Saint-Bonnet was to be, for me, the sacred cave of St. Benedict, the Mount Alverno of St. Francis, the Manresa of St. Ignatius; but it is even more, my Cenacle of recollection, because work is easy for me here. In need, I have two good secretaries, and in Mr. Saint-Bonnet I have a wise counselor who is close to God.

Thank you then, good daughter, for having planned and brought about my being with this blessed family.

I am feeling better. I am surrounded by too much attention. I saw Mr. Amedee and Madame Blanche in Lyons. They are always such worthy children of yours. I had hoped for a moment to see Madame Emilie during her trip to Lyons, but impossible; you know how busy she is!

Pray very much for me, dear daughter; you are very much alive here in your dear daughter who truly loves God.

All yours,  
Eymard, Sup. S.S.

To Madame Camille

**1299**

**CO 1299**

**TO COUNTESS D'ANDIGNE**  
(V 11/52)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*St. Bonnet, via Vaugneray, Oct. 6, 1863<sup>30</sup>*

Madame,<sup>31</sup>

I returned from the springs a bit tired, I am staying with a eucharistic family, the Chanuet

<sup>30</sup> Should read October 6 (Troussier). Published in French as Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>31</sup> Taken from a copy, not the original.

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family, who has the Most Blessed Sacrament, as you do. I came here to rest a little and to work on our Rule and that of the Ladies.<sup>32</sup> I believe they will go to Angers, the Bishop is welcoming them, the Pastor of Notre Dame will receive them in his parish and he is looking for a house for them. I hope he will find one when it is God's hour and day.

That is the whole story just for you. However, you can speak about it to the Bishop, to Father Bompois and to Father Crepon, if the opportunity should arise. I would even be happy about it, if you think it is wise and prudent. I will be here until next week, then I will go to Paris.

Pray a great deal for me at the feet of our Lord. Father Leroyer will return to Angers for the feast of St. Theresa.

I bless you at the feet of our Lord in whom I am,

All yours

**1300**

**CO 1300**

**TO COUNTESS D'ANDIGNE**

(V 14/52)

Adveniat Regnum Tuum!

Madame,<sup>33</sup>

Thank you for your letter. I will be here for the rest of the week because my work is going slowly.

Thank you even more for your offer of fine hospitality. It surely would have been even dearer to me, if God had willed it.

Leave our Lord for a day or rather for several hours, since you visit him morning and night.

Here is your rule: You may go to Angers or elsewhere, everytime you would have gone if you didn't have the Reserved Sacrament. Yes, speak on my behalf to Father Crepon, Father de Maupois, the Vicar General. Be St. Martha for your sisters; find out what would be suitable, if it is prudent to do so.

You could mention it to Father Leroyer, who will be in Angers, but only around the 18th.

Always be happy with our Lord, trusting in your poverty and spiritual infirmities. Never review your sins, even present ones; but, when you notice them, cast a simple glance of the heart toward our good Master. Say to him: "That is one more wretched fruit from my garden!" or: "Oh! How weak I am, and how good you are to love me in spite of it!" That will be your daily absolution.

Goodbye in our Lord. Believe me ever,

Madame,

All yours,

Eymard

P.S. I have time to receive more letters from you, if necessary, between now and Sunday.

At St. Bonnet  
via Vaugneray (Rhone)

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<sup>32</sup> Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

<sup>33</sup> Probably 1863.

**1301**

**CO 1301**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 130/181 VI 2)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*St. Bonnet, October 11, 1863*

Very dear Father,

Thank you for your letter. I really thanked our Lord for the Bishop's visit. Our Good Master is at work.

I am really much better; my stay at St. Bonnet completed the treatments; now I see that the springs helped me.

My stay here is one of perfect peace, solitude, and devotion.

I'm working as I have never worked, with such facility. I needed this time and quiet; I hope that you will thank the Good Lord with me for this. I plan to stay here until I finish the Constitutions and the Directory. I have done about half the work. I have a good secretary to help me here.

So therefore, if you don't need me, I'll stay another week.

I will never again find such a situation for work.

Pray and have others pray for me, dear and kind Father, for I am looking at the most important questions.

*In osculo sancto,*<sup>34</sup> very dear Father,  
All yours,  
Eymard

Fraternal regards to the whole eucharistic family, and my thanks to dear Fr. Chanuet. I'll write to him later.

**1302**

**CO 1302**

**TO MME. JOSEPHINE GOURD (SR. JOSEPH DU SS)**  
(V 49/76)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Saint Bonnet via Vaugneray, (Rhône), October 15, 1863*<sup>35</sup>

Madame and dear daughter in our Lord,

I am here very close to you. I've just received news about you through Miss Guillot, which makes me long to see you when I return to Paris next week, but how? It is the Good Lord's secret.

We go forward in the light. May God be praised for it and make his light burst forth in that fine heart!<sup>36</sup>

Your grape harvest is over. Did God give you a good one?

I came here to work undisturbed in solitude near the Blessed Sacrament. I am reworking the Rules for the Ladies and for ourselves.

Please pray for me, dear daughter. I do so for the three of you; the fourth is richer.<sup>37</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> with a holy embrace.

<sup>35</sup> Printed in French as Oct. 29, listed by Garreau as Oct. 15.

<sup>36</sup> An allusion to her husband's desired conversion?

<sup>37</sup> Meaning unclear.



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Dear daughter, I bless you and your daughter with all my heart in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard, SSS

**1303**

**CO 1303**

**TO MISS JOSÉPHINE GOURD**

(V 52/52)

...<sup>38</sup>

I would be pleased to know what you are doing in the service of our good Master. I know that it is harvest time (a good and fruitful year).<sup>39</sup> Praise God! Be a good grape-harvester; admire the grapes for the wine and the wine of virgins, the Eucharist!

How wise you would be and loved by God if you knew how to find a eucharistic link or a eucharistic thought in each created thing! Love moves to everything and leads everything to love. So, love our Lord and our good Savior.

Farewell, dear daughter. I bless you with my whole soul in our Lord.

Eymard

Mme Gourd

**1304**

**CO 1304**

**TO MME. JOSEPHINE GOURD (SR. JOSEPH DU SS)**

(V 50/76)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Saint Bonnet via Vaugneray, October 21, 1863*

Madame and dear daughter in our Lord,

Your letter made me feel the same joy as [we feel] from our own family, for you are the daughter and servant of our Lord.

I would like to see you and Miss Stephanie very much, but I don't know whether to choose Thorins or Lyons. Please tell me which would be better for you. On one hand, I am afraid that your husband might be surprised and embarrassed by my visit; on the other, if I could be helpful or even please him, I would be very willing to go.

I will leave here for good next Monday. I will be in Lyons around 3:30. I will go to the Misses Guillot to get news about you, if I don't receive any in the meantime.

I bless you, dear daughter. Pray very much. I am working for you.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

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<sup>38</sup> Excerpt from a letter.

<sup>39</sup> No indication of date. However, the reference to the grape harvest concurs with the preceding letter to her mother.

**1305**

**CO 1305**

**TO MOTHER GUYOT**

(V 4/8)

*St. Bonnet, October 21, 1863*

Dear Mother, sister and daughter in our Lord,

I am giving you all your titles, although you never lost them; you earned them too dearly.

I thank the Good Lord for your healing, because your retreat was long enough; it must be that you needed it.

You did not sin against your vow of poverty; you don't need to mention it, it's only an advance for the sake of convenience.

You would do well to decorate our Lord's throne, it's your right and even your glory: perpetual permission.

I will be here for another few days, not to rest but to work with all my strength.

Pray for me and don't tell me again that my letters are dry, it isn't true. I wrote to you when I was leaving Aix,<sup>40</sup> in haste, because I didn't want to leave without saying a few words.

I bless you, even your faults which have been humbled a little: that's fine.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

**1306**

**CO 1306**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**

(I 131/181 VI 2)

*St. Bonnet, October 26, 1863*

Beloved Father,

Thank you for your lovely letter; your thoughts and desires are my own. I'll go to Marseilles for the vows and I'll be in Paris around the 8<sup>th</sup> to see our Brothers who are leaving.

I'll stay here until November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will be in Marseilles only the 2<sup>nd</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I still have much work to do, although I am really making progress. I am taking advantage of it, as it may be a long time before I can be so well situated to do some writing.

I thank the Good Lord for the new vocation, I saw the priest from Lyons, he still had business to sort out. He seems very fine to me; he is young, which is what we need.

I really approve the children's party, I am ashamed I didn't think of it sooner.

Dear Father, I am praying our Good Master to give you a little courage, because we still have a long and difficult journey ahead. Can you believe that we must go to sleep at the Cenacle!

I embrace you, dear Father.

I am fine, even if I am a bit restless at night because of my type of work: it's nothing.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, S.S.

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<sup>40</sup> Reference to Doc. 1295.

*Blessings That Bear Fruit*

To Rev. Fr. de Cuers  
Superior of the Religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
68, rue Faubourg St. Jacques, Paris

**1307**

**CO 1307**

**TO FR. ALEXANDER LEROYER, SSS**  
(I 14/54)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*St. Bonnet, via Vaugneray (Rhône), October 26, 1863*

Dear Father,

I am really sorry I wasn't in Paris to receive you, but since I hadn't finished my work and since I am in the most favorable of situations, I am staying here until All Saints day. From here I will go to Marseilles to receive the vows and make a brief visit to the whole family. I will stay there until November 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. Then I will return to Paris on the 9<sup>th</sup> to see your brothers before they leave.

I really thanked the Good Master for the blessed fruits of your retreat in Marseilles: you certainly have the eucharistic mission of the Aggregation. It will be your beautiful crown, and I'd like you to establish it in all of France, in order to cover it with good and fervent adorers.

I am very happy also to speak to you in greater detail about the foundation of the Ladies in Angers: the Bishop and Fr. Bompois welcome them with joy and pleasure in Angers. Fr. Crepon will take them under his protection and sponsorship; so much for enemies and it was necessary. The Pastor wrote to tell me that he found a house, go with him to see it. I told him that I would have preferred to see it near the parish. However, if it is suitable, it is better to take it right away, rather than wait too long. If only your brother-in-law could give them a hand! If it is helpful, I could go to Angers in two weeks. Let the Pastor have the honor.

If you should need to write to me, do so right away at St. Bonnet or at Marseilles.

Fondly united with you in our Good Master, and with all the Fathers and Brothers.

All yours,  
Eymard, S.S.

**1308**

**CO 1308**

**TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)**  
(II 228/395 VI 2)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Lyons, October 26, 1863*

Dear daughter,

I'm writing to you from your sister's house,<sup>41</sup> where I came to spend half a day. Tonight I'll return to St. Bonnet until All Saints Day, because my work isn't finished yet and I want to finish it before returning to Paris.

From here, I'll go to Marseilles for a visit to receive the vows of Fr. Peilin and I'll be in Paris around November 8<sup>th</sup>. I wrote to Fr. Leroyer about everything regarding Angers. I also wrote to Fr.

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<sup>41</sup> Mariette Guillot in Lyons.

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Crepon, the fine Pastor, in order to expedite the matter: so everything is progressing. I am asking Fr. Leroyer to look at a house which the Pastor mentioned to me, to find out whether it is suitable, and I am telling him that if it would be helpful, I could go to Angers around the 15th of November.

So continue to pray very much. My health is good even though I am working a great deal. I came here only for a short day, for little errands and also to rest my head a little.

Your sisters are well too, in spite of the "little mosquitoes"<sup>42</sup> that bother them from time to time; but your good sister Mariette is so kind and patient that in the end everything works out.

I really hope that Miss Jenny, the little novice, will come soon.

I bless you all; tell dear Sr. Camille that her whole family is too kind toward me and that everyone is fine.

In particular I bless Sr. Benoitte and offer her to our Lord.

In our Lord, all yours,  
Eymard

**1309**

**CO 1309**

**TO MME. JOSEPHINE GOURD (SR. JOSEPH DU SS)**

(V 51/76)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Saint Bonnet, October 28, 1863*

Madame and dear daughter in our Lord,

Our Lord asked for a sacrifice on both our parts. I went Monday to Lyons especially to see you and I returned here only after I was sure you were gone. Don't be sad about it: the Good Lord does everything to grant a better grace.

I said holy Mass at Fourviere for your husband and for both of you, but especially for your husband.

I have returned here until November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and from here I will make a quick visit to Marseilles and return around the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will see how the Good Lord will inspire us. My address at Marseilles is: rue Nau, 7.

Dear daughter, I rejoice to know that you are the disciple of divine Providence and that you let yourself be led by it [Providence] like a child.

I bless you and your dear daughter, and the whole family.

In our Lord, all yours,  
Eymard

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<sup>42</sup> Meaning unclear.

1310

CO 1310

**TO MME. NATALIE JORDAN (NEE BRENIER DE MONTMORAND)**  
(IV 47/75)

*St. Bonnet, via Vaugneray (Rhone), October 29, 1863*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

I am very near you, I am here in the midst of the woods on a mountain with God alone, close to the Blessed Sacrament, at the home of Mr. Blanc de St. Bonnet, a friend. I came here on my way back from the springs at Aix, which had left me upset, and also to complete our Rules. It will soon be 4 weeks that I have been here and I will leave only on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to go to Marseilles. I will arrive in Lyons only on Monday night around 5:00 p.m. by the coach from Grezieux at Place Douane.<sup>43</sup> I want to go see you briefly if you are there, and to leave again on Tuesday morning.

I've been living like a recluse without any social contacts and that is what I needed; I did really work hard. I didn't write to you because I wasn't in Paris, and I was also hoping to go see you.

I also owe an answer to your dear daughter, I will make up for everything.

In our Lord,

Dear Madame,  
All yours,  
Eymard

1311

CO 1311

**TO FR. MICHEL CHANUET SSS**  
(I 5/29 VI 2)

*St. Bonnet, October 31, 1863*

Very dear Father,

Thank you for your letter; as always it was a comfort to me.

My pleasant stay here is coming to a close; my work is progressing. I will finish it only in Marseilles; I still have a few topics to handle, and my head is beginning to slow down. The trip will shake me up a little. Fr. de Cuers writes that he has very little wine left. I am telling you like the blessed Virgin at Cana, please write to the Source of divine Providence.<sup>44</sup>

S.B.<sup>45</sup> is in a state of diabolical temptation; what she does, what she says, do not come from God. Authority must always be respected, and she hardly does that. However, she can be excused, because when temptation takes hold of her, she becomes irrational on that point. As reason is guided and sustained by the light we have at the moment, when she loses that light, her nature and weakness take over, and she doesn't know how to reason virtuously: she doesn't see. It's a trial, and a lesson. Everything is going fine here, everyone sends you their fond regards and so do I, *in osculo sancto*, dear Father.

All yours,  
Eymard

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<sup>43</sup> Literally: Customs Square.

<sup>44</sup> His family had vineyards.

<sup>45</sup> Sister Benoite.

Please thank dear Fr. de Cuers for his letter. I will write to him later. I wrote to Angers; that gives me a little freedom.

1312

CO 1312

**TO FR. JOSEPH AUDIBERT SSS**

(I 1/20)<sup>46</sup>

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Marseilles, November 15, 1863*

Very dear Colleague and beloved friend in our Lord,

Yes, you are truly called to the Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament! your vocation has been strongly tried by heaven and earth.

Never, no never, during my 30 years of ministry have I encountered such diabolical malice, as Fr. Bertrand calls it; such a fiendish trick, as the Bishop says. I don't hold anything against your friends: they were all so cleverly deceived, they deserve only pity. Now they are both very sad and relieved. On the day I arrived in Toulon, Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>, the authorities received the clear proofs which opened their eyes: Fr. Bertrand told me so.

Divine Providence had reserved a friend for you in Toulon: Mr. Senequier. He deserves full credit, he never wavered. He defended you as a most devoted friend. Today he is modest in his triumph and attributes the honor to Fr. Bertrand, who was also upset and afraid; yet he strongly influenced the Bishop, who was listening only to him.

I saw the Bishop twice, Monday and Thursday. On Monday, he was already convinced the letters were false, suspected a single trouble-maker and had received a retraction, but he still had a third matter to clarify, and said he was pursuing it. On Thursday, everything was as clear as day, and he didn't waste any time. Friday morning, in a Confirmation ceremony for your penitents, he couldn't praise you enough; he spoke about it to all those who saw him.

I also saw Mr. Vincent:<sup>47</sup> like the others, he had been surprised by the candor, simplicity and reserve of the woman calumniator. He was sad that he hadn't known about it and that he wasn't informed until September; he condemned the steps taken and said they were "beyond the law."

I saw Fr. Liotard at Hyres, I couldn't leave him with such a painful and damaging thought: he was pleased with my visit.

I also saw the Pastor of St. Louis of Toulon; he was beside himself with joy.

What gave me the greatest consolation and joy was to see your whole family at Toulon, your kind sister, her husband and your sister-in-law and at Carnoules your dignified and worthy father, your fine mother and your holy brother.

The Bishop was struck by your father's worthy and noble sentiments. When he told him that he would always have a place for you, your father answered: "No, Your Excellency, my son will stay with the friends who received him so well during the time of difficulty. I prefer to see him in Paris with Fr. Eymard." That is what the Bishop told me, and he was very moved by it.

The Bishop thanked me for my visit to Toulon, and I think it helped.

The astonishing thing, my good friend, is that the clergy thought you were guilty, except for one. All the laymen I saw defended you and said: it is impossible.

Mr. Cros, the director of Naval Constructions, Mr. Dando, Mr. Plissier, Mr. Monteil, etc. -- Alas! Vanity of vanities! after 16 years of apostolate!

I was extremely happy with Fr. Capucini: he is the one who put them on the trail of the person

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<sup>46</sup> First of 20 letters from St. Peter Julian Eymard are addressed to Rev. Fr. Joseph Audibert, who became Superior of the house of Angers, later Superior General of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

<sup>47</sup> Perhaps Fr. Vincent.

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and the falsehood of the letters: he was very devoted to you.

Fr. Lambert, Michael the sacristan, Fr. Pommel and so many others told me all their great affection for you.

Let us thank God for this terrible storm. You have reached the harbor!

I don't have anything to tell you about the Dalaca family; it's beyond all praise, beyond any ordinary friendship.

I will be staying here until the end of the week, because the house is having Adoration for Forty Hours next Friday; then I will leave again for Paris, which I am really eager to see again.

I am fine; the weather is cold, the sun is veiled, except in our dear Cenacle.

I embrace you in "*osculo sancto*".<sup>48</sup>

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard,  
Superior of the Society of the Blessed Sacrament

P.S. I brought all your Breviaries.

To Rev. Fr. Audibert  
religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
68, Rue Faubg. St. Jacques  
Paris

**1313**

**CO 1313**

TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)  
(II 229/395 VI 2)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Marseilles, November 19, 1863*

I'll come to see you around Thursday of next week. I'll visit Miss de Saint-Bonnet, rue Sala 9, to see Sr. Camille should she still be there. It's too bad that your dear niece is not well, it was a good opportunity; however, we must submit to the guidance of divine Providence, which does everything for the best; we must say the same about Angers.

Place everything at the foot of the Cross: our Lord is the one we must please and to whom we must give ourselves; people can be only like thorns.

I have the sweet hope that everything will go well and that you will be blessed by Heaven.

Here, everything is fine... but we are very busy.

I bless you all in our Lord, in whom I am

All yours,  
Eymard

Miss Guillot  
66 rue fg St. Jacques, Paris

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<sup>48</sup> a holy embrace.

**1314**

**CO 1314**

**TO COUNTESS D'ANDIGNE**

(V 16/52)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Marseilles, November 19, 1863*

Madame,

I am still in Marseilles. I will leave again on Saturday to reach Paris, Thursday or Friday of next week. From there, I will go to Angers to see the place to be rented, because it seems that we cannot buy it yet, since the house is not for sale. May the holy Will of God be done, because God always acts for the best.

As soon as I arrive in Angers, I will have the honor of writing to you, and I would go to see you if you could not come, if, however, you think it is a good thing.

God is always very kind toward your servant. Thank him for me. I do so for you because I know how much our Lord loves you and fills you with his graces.

Be attentive to see yourself in him, in his divine goodness and love.

Consider your personal issues of temptation and turmoil as nothing, and may the divine Sun scatter all your clouds by itself.

I bless you in our Lord,  
Eymard

**1315**

**CO 1315**

**TO MR. EMMANUEL DE LEUDEVILLE (FR. DE LEUDEVILLE)**

(V 13/14)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Marseilles, November 19, 1863*

Very dear brother and friend in our Lord,

I am still here; however, I will leave here Saturday or Sunday, and reach Paris around Thursday of the following week.

So you are still ill! I am really sorry about it, because I see the loss of a good adorer. All my hopes were to see you continue both your studies and your eucharistic service near the Blessed Sacrament, even to mitigate the rule for you, if that were necessary. For, where can one be better than at the feet of Jesus? And since suffering is your way of holiness from God, you will have to suffer elsewhere.

However, whatever may be your decision, dear brother, your soul and your life will always be very dear to me and you will always be counted as one of us.

I bless you in our Lord, in whom I remain,

All yours,  
Eymard

Fr. de Leudeville  
at Leudeville  
via Marolles-en-Hurepoix  
(Seine-et-Oise)



**1316**

**CO 1316**

**TO FR. MICHEL CHANUET SSS**

(I 6/29 VI 2)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Marseilles, November 21, 1863*

Very dear Father,

I received your letter today. In that letter you expressed positively what I had just told our Fathers, that we need a house of pure contemplation in the Society for vocations that are purely contemplative, that I had provided for this house in our Constitutions, that it would be the soul of the Society; and everyone approved it: so what you are telling me confirms my desire and hope of doing it soon.

Only, very dear Father, just as any desire, even a spiritual one, which causes too much anxiety is still imperfect, or at least mixed, I beg you, leave it at the feet of our Lord. Naturally you lean towards that situation, but our good Master must raise it to a divine level. Yours is not a timid nature, but a heart which needs our Lord; by overly seeking silence and solitude for itself, your heart would only find a desert, and it needs more than that; you need the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Today we had a profession of vows. Tomorrow or the next day, I will leave for Chambery, and I will reach you soon: I am anxious to see you all. I am like a fish out of water. I need more calm and silence than others; but, alas! the Good Lord really knows how to make me live out of self-sacrifice! All I have been doing is to make myself available to everyone. May God be praised and glorified for that! See you soon, good Father.

All yours,  
Eymard

**1317**

**CO 1317**

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE (NEE DU CORNULIER)**

(IV 52/104)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 3, 1863*

Madame and dear daughter in our Lord,

I finally returned to Paris 3 days ago. I'm leaving tomorrow, Friday, for Angers where I will stay until December 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. I will preach a short Triduum at the Carmelites on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Write to me there, or come to see me. If you were ill, I would rush to go see you.

I only have time to offer my heartfelt respects to you and to your dear sister.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, S.

**1318**

**CO 1318**

**TO MME. NATALIE JORDAN (NEE BRENIER DE MONTMORAND)**  
(IV 48/75)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 3, 1863*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

I have been in Paris for four days with the last stages of an infection which I caught on my way back from Marseilles. It was a sacrifice not to see you on my way back; I was eager to return after two and a half months of absence and suffering. I am on the point of leaving again: I am going to Angers (at the Carmelites) until the 10<sup>th</sup>, then I will remain in Paris longer (God willing). What a life mine is! I spent a month on the mountain of St. Bonnet le Froid at Mr. Blanc de St. Bonnet, close to the Blessed Sacrament, in the most complete solitude; I completed our Constitutions.

I would have loved to see you on the way but neither one of you was there.

Now, when shall I see you? Divine Providence knows.

I imagine that you will give me fresh news as well as dear Mathilde.

I bless you everyday in the holy Sacrifice.

In our Lord then,  
All yours,  
Eymard, S

**1319**

**CO 1321**

**TO MR. ADOLPHE BLANC DE ST. BONNET**  
(VII 2/4)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, Dec. 3, 1863*

Very dear Sir and friend,

Let me thank you once more for your gracious and warm hospitality! I found the beautiful dream of my life: our Lord, a mountain, a beautiful view, a beautiful sky, a friend of Bethany. May God repay you for all your goodness!

I left my pen and inspiration at St. Bonnet. I have no more.

I returned to my poor boat, tossed about by all the waves that come and go. Poor life! May it at least belong to God!

I sent to Rome all the works you gave me for Cardinal Antonelli and for Fr. Basile, the Passionist priest near the Colliseum.

I wrote my little evaluation, both of the author and the book, to the Cardinal.

I read the precious book about the Downfall of Reason in Europe. It really struck me. I find it sadly too true; and I don't see the remedy, because the evil is on the increase. Minds are led astray, and lead to the loss of both reason and heart. I began reading about the French Reformation. I found it at Toulouse; although expensive, it is highly appreciated.

I like your metaphysics. I follow them as if they were my own. Your books remain engraved in one's mind. They follow the truth. They become like a practical principle, in spite of oneself. That is because light is independent.

Continue to work in the same direction. [You are] planting the grain of wheat, the bread of

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Kings and nations.

I personally handed your manuscript to Mr. Coquille, asking him to publish it speedily as you wish. Mr. Dulac is absent. I wasn't able to see the Nuncio yet, because I want to give him this work personally.

Dear Sir, you have a beautiful but difficult mission. When we work to give birth to a new Society, it requires a generation and a half; one to receive and develop it and the other to be fed upon it.

Always consider me as a friend of St. Bonnet and as a brother in God's sight.

My respectful regards to Madame your mother, to your wife and your dear sister.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Sup.

**1320**

**CO 1319**

**TO JOSEPHINE GOURD (SR. JOSEPH DU SS)**

(V 52/76)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum!*

*Paris, December 3, 1863*

Madame and dear daughter in our Lord,

Much to my regret, I was unable to see you on the way. If I had known what Sr. Benoit told me: that Mr. G. had confessed himself here, but that he didn't finish, because the priest he approached didn't suit him; if I had known that, I would have arranged to go see him and you also.

That is a great step. Therefore, grace is at work. Let us double our prayers. Our Lord owes us this dear troubled soul. Be very kind toward him.

I am leaving tomorrow for Angers to go rent a house for our Sisters. Do pray so that I may find the true Cenacle where his devout family may go to serve him.

Thank you for your letter. The good Master didn't let us meet.

Prepare a nice stable for the Child Jesus, a nice crib, a simple and devoted heart. This year, ask him for the complete return of this dear soul whom I also love.

May Miss Stephanie be very happy near the divine crib. Let her prepare a second one for the new soul.

I bless you in our Lord.

All yours,  
Eymard

P.S. I will be back around December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**1321**

**CO 1320**

**TO MILES. MARIANNE EYMARD AND NANETTE BERNARD**  
(VI 4/10 III 145)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 3, 1863*

Dearest sisters,

I have been here in Paris, at last, for the past 4 days. I had hoped to take four days from my journey, but I had to do so many things that it wasn't possible. I am well, in spite of all the obligations which increase every day.

I am even leaving tomorrow for Angers to go prepare a house for our little religious Sisters, as I would like to get them settled so they can be peaceful. I shall not stay long in Angers, as I have to be back here by the 12<sup>th</sup> to preach a retreat in preparation for Christmas in a Parisian Parish, St. Thomas Aquinas. The good Lord always gives us many blessings. We should be more docile and inwardly recollected.

I am going to send Fr. Faure the books he asked for and which I am giving him, for no return other than prayers. You may take one or two for yourselves. I may put a few others in the parcel; you may give them to any Church you wish.

Keep praying for me as I do for you.

I saw Mr. Cros and all his family in Toulon. He is well, and is very kind. I dined at his house. Please tell his two dear sisters that I have seen him, and tell them my own continued dedication to them.

I had written a letter to your fine, esteemed Pastor. I believe he is in good health.

I bless you and offer you to the good Master in whom I am,

Your brother,  
Eymard

**1322**

**CO 1322**

**TO MR. ROSEMBERG AND FAMILY**  
(VII 9/9)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 3, 1863*

Dear friends in our Lord,

I returned to Paris four days ago after two and a half months away. I am leaving tomorrow for Angers at 9:00 a.m. I will try to steal a few hours from my journey either going or returning, to visit you as well as good papa Dupont whom I also long to see, and to the family of the Tremblaye.

We will chat a little about everyone.

I am sending you some beautiful verses. - Mr. Rosemberg must write a lovely melody for them to sing to an Angel Messenger.

See you soon, dear friends of the good Lord,

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

Greetings to our good singer, Mme. Marceau.

**1323**

**CO 1323**

**TO MME. NATALIE JORDAN (NEE BRENIER DE MONTMORAND)**  
(IV 49/75)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 4, 1863*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

I wrote to you before receiving your letter. See how I do not forget you in the midst of a thousand other things; how could I forget my eldest daughter! But if I did, it wouldn't be through indifference that you would draw me out of oblivion because that word is foreign to you.

I bless your time of solitude; it is the only thing that does good to a burdened soul. Do so from time to time; it is the soldier's withdrawal. There is only one thing for you to do in order not to regress, but to advance; it is to give yourself to the spiritual life, to the life of recollection, to meditative readings, like Sacred Scripture; you really ought to read it a little more often; buy the Bible of Carrieres. Keep this principle of life in mind; you will be happy in God's service only by an interior life of prayer and love. That does not require that you should give up the Presidency, but it will make you bear it even better. When our good Master will no longer want you to serve others, he will remove you himself. I would like to see you a bit more of an adorer, how bad you are!

Miss Agarithe wrote me at least three letters, and I didn't answer any because I wanted to be with God alone in my solitude, like Moses on the mountain. A well turned phrase is like a well curled hair, or a sound without ideas. Please, dear daughter, don't think that is my weakness.

I would have liked to have news of Mme Nugues and her children, and of your nieces in Denmark.

I bless you and your dear daughter in our Lord.

All yours,  
Eymard, S.

**1324**

**CO 1324**

**TO MISS ZENAIDE DE ST. BONNET**  
(V 1/3)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 4, 1863*

Mademoiselle and dear daughter in our Lord,

Thank you for having copied my poor manuscripts so well. With your writing, the thought is clearer and simpler: you will have half the merit, - as I say to your dear brother, I left my peace and my pen at St. Bonnet! I am here in the midst of a whirlwind; at least if it would lift me up to Heaven!

I am leaving tomorrow for Angers, until the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup>, where I am going to look for a little Cenacle for our Lord and his happy Servants. When can I do as much in Lyons?

Always be the little servant of our Lord and your dear neighbor, doing so graciously, because our good Master wills it so.

Don't be sad about the future: it is in God's hands. He is a good Father.

Go to our Lord with simplicity and with a recollected and grateful heart, and you will be very dear to him.

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I bless you, your dear mother and the whole family.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

P.S. Kindly give this little note to your brother and remember me to your two friends.

*Dec. 5-10 - To Angers to prepare a foundation for the Servants.*

*Dec. 6-8 - Preached a triduum for the Carmelites of Angers.*

*Dec. 8 - Purchased a house in Angers for the Servants.*

**1325**

**CO 1325**

**TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)**

(II 230/395 VI 2)

*Angers, Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1863*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

I've just bought you a very suitable house, quiet and well-situated for adoration. Thank God and his holy Mother: it's Mary's flower to her divine Son for this day. The Bishop is very dedicated to you as is Fr. Bompois, his Vicar General.

Inscribe them on your prayer lists.

I bless you. See you soon.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

*Dec. 10 - Visit to Mr. Dupont in Tours.*

**1326**

**CO 1326**

**TO SR. CATHERINE OF THE SACRED HEART**

(VI 1/1)<sup>49</sup>

*Tours, December 10, 1863*

Dear Sister,

Our good papa Dupont has given me good news about you, and your wishes, for which I was most grateful.

You are still upon the cross, dear Sister, and you will probably remain there, for often God leaves one there as long as there is something to be sacrificed or to die.

There are so few souls who want to suffer for God, that when God finds one which is devoted or at least resigned, God is quick to make the most of it, since it seems that suffering is necessary for the reign of God and the salvation of mankind. There is no love without suffering, and suffering

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<sup>49</sup> This letter was attached to a letter from Mr. Dupont of Tours.

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is the fruit of the earth.

I agree with Mr. Dupont's counsel: resign yourself, dear Sister; go further, devote yourself, do even more - do as St. Andrew who embraced the cross, and when you have done that, I can promise you true love and its benefits.

I bless you with all my heart.

All yours,  
Eymard

*Dec. 18 - Return to Paris*

**1327**

**CO 1327**

**TO MME. CLOTILDE THOLIN-BOST**  
(IV 46/52)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 20, 1863*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

I am so far behind with you! It is really unforgivable! However, I had made plans to go spend a few hours with you on the way, when bronchitis and a travelling companion obliged me to return quickly.

It almost looks like we ran away from each other; you came to Paris when I left, you left Lyons when I came there from Rome. May God be praised for everything! I saw your sister for a moment when I passed through Lyons.

I saw that she was as generous as ever, but she has a lot of work. I would like her to stay there: I recommended her to those good women. She gave me news about your whole household. I have returned here from our house in Angers, I had barely arrived when I had to preach all day in a Paris parish with a raspy voice. May God be praised!

Your letter was just brought to me, I am opening it with joy and sadness, because your charity is always ahead of me while your trust has to wait. Well, here I am!

Yes, I thank our good Master for having come to your aid. Can he forsake you? No. I understand your suffering. God allowed it for the welfare of both: such Crosses are our Lord's secret; they crucify our poor nature completely. So once again you are nailed down at home; no doubt, it's for a greater good and for the greater glory of our Lord. So, sleep at his feet like a child of his Heart. It's a blessing for your children to be near you; it's a good thing that Albert likes the fields; that will preserve his faith and innocence. George, like Jacob, will watch over his good Mother and the Mother will watch over her two little Lambs.

I understood your thought that your sister's affection was too human, and yet it's quite legitimate since you are all she has. Make it pass through the heart of our Lord and always respond to her in a kind and sisterly way, for even if Jesus is her center [of focus], we still need our family.

Enjoy your good Master and the joy of Bethlehem where we will meet again among the Shepherds and Angels.

I bless you in our Lord,  
Eymard, S

**1328**

**CO 1328**

**TO BISHOP DE DREUX-BREZE, (MOULINS)**  
(VI 1/1)

*Adveniat Regnum Tuum*

*Paris, December 20, 1863*

Your Excellency,

Fr. de Cuers will be with you tomorrow, Monday, about noon, to take Mr. Gibert<sup>50</sup> and visit St. Germain with him. If our Lord wants us in your diocese, Your Excellency, we shall be happy to work for his glory under a Bishop who is so devout, and so Roman! If it is agreed, we shall give up another project which has been offered to us.

Allow me, Your Excellency, to return to the terms which Your Excellency told me personally when we were leaving: that the Society would have to pay 20,000 francs to acquire the property; that is, half the purchase price. If these terms are essential to the foundation, we shall be obliged to give it up - at least for some time - for we are unable to make that commitment as our houses of adoration have no other income but that provided by the Society, and the Society already has to pay for the luminary which costs at least three thousand francs a year. It would be somewhat burdensome for us [to raise more money], at least for the moment. I would like Your Excellency to provide our Lord with all of his Cenacle, and we would give him all our service.

Fr. de Cuers will tell me what Your Excellency thinks about this: it will be the expression of the Will of God for us, be it yes or no.

I should also be pleased to know if, once we are founded by Your Excellency, we would have any difficulties with the commune<sup>51</sup> or the parish with regard to the service of perpetual adoration, after fulfilling all duties as Pastors.

I trust Your Excellency will pardon my speaking so freely. If we understand one another, problems will be avoided.

With the deepest feelings of veneration, I have the honor to be, in our Lord,

Your Excellency's most humble and most obedient servant,  
Eymard

**1329**

**CO 1329**

**TO FR. ALEXANDER LEROYER, SSS**  
(I 15/54)

*Adveniat Regnum tuum*

*Paris, December 26, 1863*

Dear Father,

Fr. Carrié will be happy to join you, filled with a great desire to learn; he prefers not to hear confessions. However, if you should need him from time to time, especially for men, I leave that to your discretion. I warned him about the discretion to use towards the Carmelites. He is a bit tired: take care of him, but don't let him be cared for by outsiders. We should be strict on this point of discipline.

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<sup>50</sup> Perhaps Fr. Gibert.

<sup>51</sup> Civil authorities.



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A religious should never receive anything from the outside for himself; but everything should be given to the Superior.

Brother Joseph, whom I am lending you for a while, will not stay with us. He will be the servant for the Ladies: they are fortunate to have a good subject from us. This Brother had been telling me for a long time that he couldn't stay in our life, that he needed a more active life: in the end, I gave in.

During his free time, send him to clean the house when you buy it, and also to receive and take care of the Ladies' belongings. His wages will begin with them on January 1st.

I hope to receive the news about the purchase of the house soon; we need it at all costs. It may already be done, but help it along, for fear that the devil might place obstacles. I'm worried about it.

I am sending you 100 francs that I had kept aside in case of need: that would pay for the bed you bought.

Find your courage in our Lord, dear Father, we are one in his spirit.

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

**1330**

**CO 1330**

**TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)**

(II 231/395 VI 2)

*Paris, Saturday, December 26, 1863*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

The second house is bought, so now you have two houses.<sup>52</sup> Father will write more to you about it.

We will hurry to get the house ready for you.

As for the singing to be adopted, it is appropriate, even necessary, to adopt the singing of the diocese of Angers.

I will go see you tomorrow and say a few words to the Sisters at two thirty.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

Miss Guillot

<i>Dec 27</i>	<i>Conference Servants: The three births of Jesus - the Creche, the Holy Bambino, the Cenacle.</i>
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<sup>52</sup> Two buildings which will be joined.