

## **CHAPTER V**

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**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 64/181 VI 4)

*Paris, May 4, 1860*

Very dear Father,

1. Through Mr. Signoret I received 200 francs for candles and on your order Brother Carri gave me 50 francs for 50 Masses to be said. So your things are settled.

2. I added a note for you on Brother Carrie's long letter, where I told you that Fr. Clavel would leave Monday for Marseilles. You'll have a fine religious in him. He has improved a lot since his vows.

I'm satisfied that Mr. Golliet is leaving, because he doesn't have a eucharistic vocation. He is under an illusion regarding the Barnabites: I was told that those in Paris don't want him.

He was helpful for the initial period.

We also will have the Month of Mary after the rosary; we'll read the "Month of Mary" by Belley. Yes, nourish devotion to the Blessed Virgin: she is the Gate of Heaven, the Queen of the Cenacle, the Mother of John.

Be vigilant about people who are in too much of a hurry, especially if they are a bit older: they rarely tell the whole truth. If his Bishop doesn't give him a dismissal (which is a refusal) but a dimissorial letter, it is a promise. With vows, there would be less to fear because he would remain under his Bishop, who would call him to ordination only upon our request.

It seems that the question of clothing has its difficulties, its clouds. Well! Do what's best; let's wait.

News. The administration for the Orleans railroad is granting all the religious of the Blessed Sacrament half price on its lines, provided that the religious have a certificate from the Superior with the Community seal. This certificate (or letter of obedience) will stay with the clerk at the station.

That's how our Lord is giving us an alms and is opening the way for us. Thank him for it.

Our regards to all. My thanks to good Fr. Leroyer for all his printed materials: I'm very happy about it, since it does a lot of good. By their fruits....

Goodbye, good Father.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Sup.

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

(V 41/76)

*Paris, May 4, 1860*

Very dear daughter in our Lord,

May our Lord form himself in you by his grace and love. Let him work [in you] and help him when he is working. Be attentive to follow the movement of his divine Spirit.

Be like a day laborer who does what she is told and doesn't worry about what she will do the following day. Give your attention to your husband before anyone else, that is the order of charity, established by God. It pleases me to imagine the two of you<sup>1</sup> surrounding him with kindness and thoughtfulness. If God wanted you to do other things, he would give you the time to do so. This rule of love is so beautiful and easy! Be content with God's holy Will at each moment.

Dear daughter, I understand that it was difficult for you to give a negative answer.<sup>2</sup> God willed it. He will make all things work out for the best.

I began the Masses for your sister immediately. You know that Saturdays are always for your intention.

Your father's word indicating some kind of doubt isn't anything. On the contrary, what he had previously said and done shows a decisive faith which doesn't seek to probe the unknown future. I really favor the feeling of some theologians who say that suffering borne in the state of grace has merit by that very fact. They say that the Holy Innocents, who were martyred when the Messiah was born, must have received a more beautiful crown than children who die after Baptism without having suffered. Therefore, your dear patient's suffering condition is a grace.

I advise the Gothic style for your chapel. Keep it simple with few decorations; otherwise it would be too expensive. The Gothic style is very graceful and there is something serious and religious about it.

However, your husband should plan carefully with the workers and the architect. If you wish, I could ask a friend of mine, Mr. Perret, to prepare a plan for you. In order to do that, I would need to have the length and breadth of the area.

Remember me to your dear fine mother, whom I would be so happy to see.

Believe me ever in our Lord,

Very dear daughter,  
All yours,  
Eymard

P.S. However, don't let my offer of a plan cause any problems, because architects are sensitive. Gothic windows and ceilings, a crypt-like or semi-circular choir is all that you would need.  
Madame Gourd

<i>May 6</i> <i>Conference: SSS - Daily explanations of the Rule.</i>
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<sup>1</sup> Mme. Gourd and her daughter.

<sup>2</sup> An alms that had been requested of her.

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**CO 951**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 65/181 VI 4)

*Paris, May 6, 1860*

Very dear Father,

I am sending you Fr. Clavel; he is happy to obey and also to go to be with you. He has confidence in you and loves you; use him in such a way as to help him become a perfect religious. He has really edified us; he is a religious in every way and is very generous.

He is bringing you three copies of the Rule which I gave to everyone here. I'm explaining it every day in chapter. It's the one I brought to Rome, that you've seen. It's surely not a perfect Rule, nor final; experience, the love of our Lord, the spirit of the Society will help us.

The introduction at the beginning will explain my thought to you. I will always be happy and grateful for your observations and your fraternal charity, because we are serving the same cause, we have the same Master, we have the same desire.

Everyone here embraces you, and is fondly united to you in our Lord, especially the one who is,

All yours,  
Eymard

P.S. Give a copy to Fr. Leroyer and loan the other one to Mr. Bossy. I am sorry that he is still undecided.

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**CO 952**

**TO MISS STEPHANIE GOURD**  
(V 28/52)

*All through Jesus Host of love*

*Paris, May 6, 1860*

Very dear daughter in our Lord,

I am writing to answer your letter which I read with pleasure and attention. I like your freedom: the state of soul shows through more simply.

1. First, let's talk about laziness. I think that in part, it's physical, in part a fault, and also because of too many things to do.

What should you do to correct yourself? Don't put off an essential duty. Sustain your strength with good food. Eat meat, even on Fridays, as the doctor wants. Don't deprive yourself of necessary sleep. Once this is done, then consider sleep [during meditation] as a temptation, and the fear of effort as bad-will, stemming from your poor selfish nature.

2. Surrender to the Good Lord and you will always be well cared for, or he will care for you himself. That little disappointment of missing the curate's Mass was willed by God. I am pleased about your new confessor and especially that you are in the hands of the divine Director who is the Holy Spirit.

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No extraordinary mortifications, that isn't you, but I am in favor of your kissing the ground. However, I would like you to have less human respect in your mother's presence and that you would act as if you were alone, except anything that would be too extraordinary.

I agree that you would kiss the statue of the Blessed Virgin through respect and love and that you should feel free, very free, about the rest. Except: 1. Devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament, but from the heart;

2. Holy Communion, that is the royal devotion which replaces everything;

3. A part of the rosary, at least one decade, some long-standing prayers, and that is all.

Belong to God, like birds in the air and fish in the sea.

4. Your dispensary is a fine charity. Well, it is better to give to everyone who comes; it is more Christian. Then, since your father is bearing the expenses, you need only to give graciously and virtuously.

5. I would prefer your chapel as your father wants it, even if there were windows only on one side, because it could be larger and have a lovely sanctuary.

6. Dear daughter, what is this little mosquito buzzing around your head about religious life? Well then, let it buzz. You need only to live by the grace and duties of the moment. There is no other grace for you at this time. Be yourself.

7. Are you insensitive? You say: yes. I say no. You just don't like troubles and frustrations, that's all.

Don't accuse your heart, it is fine... but rather, your poor will.

Have courage, dear daughter, be a good Stephanie, I mean, a crown for our Lord. How fortunate you are to be free and entirely God's! Be closely united to Him through grateful love and renew your gift of self to Him a thousand times.

Goodbye. I bless you wholeheartedly in our Lord.

Eymard

Miss Stephanie

May 8	<i>Conference Servants: Three kinds of recollection - in one's conscience, in grace and in our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
May 11	<i>Conference Servants: Recollection in our Lord by a spirit of love.</i>
May 18	<i>Conference Servants: The Ascension.</i>

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**CO 953**

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE**  
(IV 25/104)

*Paris, May 20, 1860*

Dear Lady and dear daughter in our Lord,

I'm writing to let you know that I will be preaching the Octave of the Blessed Sacrament<sup>3</sup> at Tours, in the Church of St. Julian, beginning Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>, until the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Since I will be so near to you, I immediately thought of going afterwards to visit you briefly at Nantes.

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<sup>3</sup> Corpus Christi.

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I will be going to Notre Dame du Bon Secours at Rouen and there I'll tell this dear mother everything you would tell her.

I see that you gathered a few flowers from that retreat. That's fine. We gain only by making our soul more attentive; but you should do so preferably in God and with God. Avoid and flee from yourself because that leaves you disturbed.

There is one thought that pursues me about you; that you should found a little family of adorers in your own house in Nantes. We will talk about it. It may be ridiculous, but I am telling you anyway. Poor daughter! don't worry about the light fever you feel regarding that former affection, it's only nerves. Jesus is enough for you, and everything is good in Jesus.

La Salette! I would really love to go, but I am in a cloud which hardly lets me see ahead [of me].

Goodby. I remain very united to you in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard

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**TO MISS PROUVIER<sup>4</sup>**

(V 1/5)

*All for Jesus Hostia*

*Paris, May 25, 1860*

Mademoiselle and dear sister in our Lord,

It is a great joy for me to know that you are wholly devoted to our Lord's love in the Blessed Sacrament. That is why I desire to see you and confer with you about our life, in my free moments.

I will leave for Rouen on Trinity Sunday. I will stay there until Saturday; and then I will leave again for Tours, where they are expecting me to establish an Association of the Most Blessed Sacrament. If you prefer to come to Rouen, you could take advantage of a little retreat there and we might be freer to see one another.

In that case, I would write to the good priest where I am going and who is the chaplain of a community, to ask for hospitality for you.

I asked a small and simple family community here to offer you hospitality at least for a few days with your maid. The Superior is ill, but in spite of that, they gave me hope to receive you for 5 or 6 days, because they are expecting someone after that. That will facilitate my seeing you more easily, since it is next to us, on rue Faubourg St. Jacques, 66 at Miss Guillot's home.

So then, see you soon.

May Jesus lead you and fill you with his blessings.

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

P.S. I was very pleased to meet the fine lady from Mauvise.

May 29	<i>Conference Servants: To be recollected in the goodness of our Lord.</i>
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<sup>4</sup> Foundress of the Virgins of Jesus & Mary.

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**TO MR. LEO DUPONT, TOURS**

(V 1/2)

*Paris, May 29, 1860*

Very dear friend and brother in our Lord,

May God be praised for everything! Your dear letter is the occasion for a very great sacrifice. Your spiritual friendship weighed heavily in the scales of my choice of Tours. But, it will be a reason for me to arrive early on Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, to enjoy at least a few hours of your stay.

I will bring you the flyers for the Aggregation. I have just seen the Pastor of St. Julian's, who insists that I lodge with him. That is a sacrifice for me in one sense, because I like the pilgrim's cell, the Holy Face and its servant.<sup>5</sup> If you had stayed in Tours, the matter would have been settled; but since you are leaving, I cannot make any arrangements other than these.

Sunday night I will go to spend the evening with you and to share your brotherly bread.

Farewell then!

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Superior

P.S. My best wishes please, to the dear Rosemberg family. I don't have time to write to them, but I love them dearly in our Lord.

<i>Jun 1      Conference Servants: On the grace of foundresses.</i>
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*June 10-17 - Preached the Octave of Corpus Christi at the Church of St. Julien in Tours where he established a center of the Aggregation.*

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**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE**

(IV 26/104)

*Tours, June 18, 1860*

Dear Lady,

I'm leaving from Tours for Nantes tomorrow at 6:45 in the morning, - at least by the second coach. I'll go directly to see you with a worn-out voice but happy to go see you.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Superior

Madame de Grandville  
8 rue Saint-Laurent  
Nantes

<i>Jun 22      Conference Servants: Vocation, hidden eucharistic life.</i>
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<sup>5</sup> He likes to stay with Mr. Dupont.

**TO MME. DE COUCHIES (NEE RATTIER)**  
(VII 1/9)

*Paris, June 22, 1860*

Madame,

I have just returned from my trip and I found a letter from our fine Mme. Chanuet for you.<sup>6</sup> I am sending it with all my wishes and hopes.

I am constantly praying about this great matter, and it seems to me that it has been prepared and desired by divine Providence. It contains all needed and desirable guarantees.

Therefore, I am at your disposal for a second visit. Please let me know your feeling and believe me ever in our Lord, Madame,

Your ever devoted and respectful servant,  
Eymard, Sup.

Mme. de Couchies  
at Faij, near Nemours  
Seine-et-Marne

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 66/181 VI 4)

*Paris, June 24, 1860*

Very dear Father,

I was very deeply grieved by the news of good Fr. Brunello's<sup>7</sup> death. So quickly and so soon! What a lesson!

So, we must really place ourselves into the hands of Divine Providence with this new blow about Fr. Clavel. It's a sadness and a great cross, but we must bear it with his holy grace. His kindness has sustained us so marvelously until now; it won't forsake us. For the one or two who withdraw, he will double our merit and our personnel.

He is asking me for a letter. I'm sending it because we cannot keep people in spite of themselves. He will leave and he will experience what he has lost.

The three women from Marseilles are here now. Miss Gagnerie, who at first was all on fire and very happy, is now beginning to fear and question the contemplative life. I lifted up her spirits a little. Miss Bretonne is happy.

The young twenty-five-year-old woman is an excellent person, but she has an infirmity which doesn't allow us to keep her. She has such bad breath that people next to her can neither eat, nor bear it. Then she has a weak stomach, and can hardly kneel more than a few minutes. Her director,

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<sup>6</sup> Her daughter, Madame Blanche Chanuet.

<sup>7</sup> Fr. de Cueur's former spiritual director.

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who knew it, should have said so, and begun by telling the truth instead of calling for charity; that really annoyed me.

Dear Father, I don't need to repeat how pleased we will all be to see one another again in Paris. I don't say that through diplomacy, but with fond and devoted love. I think that your stay in Paris will be helpful to study many things. You can then tell me personally your observations about the Rule which I was happy to send, hoping it would also please you.

Mr. Golliet wrote to me eight days after his departure. His letter was good enough, but he still doesn't understand his civil position: that concerns him.

I was very happy with the "Eucharistic Weeks" which Fr. Leroyer sent me; you can do all these things in Marseilles, but here, people are cold, and then our chapel is so small!

Some rumors are circulating that they will soon begin work on our boulevard. May God be praised!

My regards to all the Brothers and Fathers, everyone sends you theirs.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

P.S. I received information about your business affairs from Mr. Marzioux.<sup>8</sup> There are no dividends yet. However, it seems that it will go well, and that you will withdraw good profits.

No vocations! Mr. de Leudeville made his retreat on rue de Svres; they sent him to Rome for his theological studies. Everything else is the same as usual.

God is good to send you help from Miss Marin! Keep it for yourself, since we are God's beggars here: a bit more or less doesn't change anything in the situation.

I am really looking forward to the compulsory sale for our liquidation because, if your expenses are great, ours here are also very heavy. We also have interests to pay, enormous taxes, etc., etc. To date, God has been such a good Father!

Miss Auzert (the one who is 25) doesn't have any money to return to Marseilles. Her parents should send her some.

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**TO MR. EMMANUEL DE LEUDEVILLE (FR. DE LEUDEVILLE)**  
(V 10/14)

*Paris, June 27, 1860*

Very dear friend,

So, your great decision has finally been made! and decided preferably for Rome! May God be praised! You searched simply and generously for his divine Will. You are sacrificing even your tastes and friendship to it. I am pleased about that because God comes first!

The path of sacrifice does not deceive. God always rewards it. So follow it, either as a preparation, or as a vocation, according to God's grace.

My friendship for you, dear friend, has no color or conditions. It was before, it will be after, because it is in God.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> A financier.

<sup>9</sup>Mr. de Leudeville added the words: "My visit interrupted this letter." He took it with him nonetheless.

**TO MME. CLOTILDE THOLIN-BOST**  
(IV 41/52)

*All for our Lord Jesus Christ in*

*Paris, the Most Blessed Sacrament, June 28, 1860*

Madame and very dear sister in our Lord,

I have just returned from preaching two eucharistic retreats: one at Rouen, the other at Tours.

The Holy Eucharist is light and life, strength and love! Devout souls came running to the exercises of the retreat and I hope that our Lord will draw some glory from it, and these good souls some benefit.

From Tours, I went to Nantes where we had been asked for a foundation, but we are still too small and too weak.

I was quite surprised when I received your letter. I thought I had written to you before I left three weeks ago, and it seems that I did not.

I am pleased by what you tell me about St. Chamond. It's my favorite city, where I worked the most. I am also happy to know that adoration is thriving there. I would surely return with joy for the eucharistic retreat - provided the question of the Marist Fathers was not an obstacle or a difficulty. For my part, I still love them as much and I will be happy to go see these dear Fathers. These little questions of a group or of influence are so ugly and paltry that it hurts me even to suspect them. Are we not all soldiers of Jesus Christ? with a different uniform, that is all. But isn't it the same flag, the same Master, the same table? It seems to me that such personal ideas of the honor of the Group are not in my heart, nor in yours.

They asked for me in Lyons and that is even closer than St. Chamond.

As for the Aggregation at St. Chamond, I would advise the Pastor to add this grace to his Work and not make it a separate Work. Then it becomes only an encouragement and confirmation to the established rule: that is what we did at Rouen and Tours.

I don't expect the Pastor to write to me, it might embarrass him. I understand his delicate position.

I'd be pleased if Miss Hervier obtained many indulgences, but I'm afraid she won't get all those she hoped for.

I am happy to see that you decided in favor of your own health. Small treatments are a great mortification; so do them.

May God bless your dear children, your fine husband, and fill you to overflowing with his graces of love and tenderness, dear daughter.

I am, dear sister, in his divine love,

All yours,  
Eymard

P.S. Here everything is the same as usual including myself. However, the good Master is giving me a lot of work.

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 67/181 VI 4)

*Paris, July 1, 1860*

Very dear Father,

I received your letter with a note enclosed for 100 francs, 20 francs of which are for Masses. Thank you for it. It's our Providence at this time.

So Fr. Clavel is gone! It's a suffering which God is sending us. Even if it were a punishment, we should receive it with a true spirit of penance.

I believe that the end of your letter was dictated by the sorrow you felt; that's how I took it and read it.

I cannot send you the young aspirant; it's too soon. How could he continue his classical studies in Marseilles? Here, he is working very hard, so I'm very sorry! Your first letter, on the 25th, asked me to wait a while, and I must tell you that it would really have been difficult because I didn't have the means to pay for his trip. Even today, I have only your 80 francs.

We will really pray so that God may provide us with some means. I'm on the point of sending away one of the new brothers who doesn't seem to have a good spirit.

Miss Gagnerie will leave around Tuesday. I have nothing to say about her vocation, except that she doesn't have a shadow of one, nor the will for it, and that we can do nothing with her turn of mind and such an uneven temper. She may tell you what she wills, but as for me, she seems to be dangerous, even in a community.

Miss Marie is making her retreat, in the midst of all the storms caused by Miss Gagnerie. I believe she will gather the fruits of the trip; it seems to me that she has a vocation.

Today, I saw Mr. d'Herceville again, Mr. Marzioux's associate. Your 100 francs are doing very well with interest, but the actions of the Maritime Union still do not yield any dividends.

We are living in hope.

Nothing new about the compulsory sale. They say we will know something definite only around the month of September.

Dear Father, I leave you in our Lord,

Eymard, S.S.

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 68/181 VI 4)

*Paris, July 3, 1860*

Dear Father,

I'm really worried about you. The thought came to me to send you Brother Martin, deacon. He is rendering great services here, it is true; he is an excellent gardener, and this year our garden is plentiful. However, your need must be put ahead of our commodity. He'll leave tomorrow, Wednesday, and reach you Thursday afternoon, toward evening. He is full of good will and is happy to be with you. I told him that you would be a good Father, and you must be, to be a good

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Superior in Jesus Christ. He isn't perfect; so be it, you won't find any in this world. So we must use people as we want them to be, and make them good according to the grace they have.

You've been in the midst of difficulties; but, dear Father, think about the difficulties in Paris and have trust. Be open and kind in trials; it's the day of God's glory. You asked me to make a definite decision that trips be done on third class. I have reservations about doing so; I see that other Communities don't do it. It's often unsuitable, sometimes it might be too difficult. My feeling is therefore between the second and third class. I leave third class as a virtuous choice.

My dear Father, on the battlefield we mustn't attack our neighbor because we have been wounded. We aren't angels, but weak men, who rather deserve compassion, and always, mercy.

When someone leaves, it isn't always the Superior's fault. He may be guilty, yet the one who leaves is more so. So, please! Let grace overcome nature, and confidence be stronger than difficulties.

God knows how I desire the welfare of your house and your heart's consolation: that is my habitual prayer.

I'm very close to you in our Lord, dear Father.

All yours,  
Eymard, S.S.

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**TO MR. RATTIER**

(VII 1/2)<sup>10</sup>

*Paris, July 3, 1860*

Dear Mr. Rattier,

I am enclosing the letter which Mr. Chanuet wrote to me. You will read into his soul and his happiness.

I returned from Faij like a person returns from a delightful garden, perfumed with the fragrance of devotion and the lovely friendship which surrounded me. The sweet thought of it, I dare say, its gentleness, are still with me.

God has done everything - He will crown his work and we will all be happy.

Dear Sir, I remain in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard, Sup.

<i>Jul 6</i>	<i>Monthly retreat Servants: Health of soul, Jesus Christ the center of the soul.</i>
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<sup>10</sup> Mr. Rattier, the brother of Mme. De Couchies and the uncle of Sr. Philomena.

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**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 69/181 VI 4)

*Paris, July 7, 1860*

Very dear Father,

I'm writing to acknowledge receiving your registered letter. Thank you for it.

Mr. Mnage will send you your two bills; they weren't ready.

I believe that Brother Martin must have arrived; he was very happy to go to Marseilles. He is generous.

We are having the monthly retreat. Sr. Benoite is in Lyons to settle family affairs; she is very ill. If God were not sustaining her, she would have died a long time ago.

Regards from everyone and to everyone.

All yours in J.C.,  
Eymard, S.S.

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**TO MLES. MARIANNE EYMARD AND NANETTE BERNARD**  
(III 115/145 VI 10)

*Paris, July 8, 1860*

Very dear sisters,

I received your letters with great pleasure, for everything that touches you interests me very much. I am grateful to see that the Good Lord came to your aid to help you find a good farmer. So, always have great trust in his fatherly care and he will not allow you to lack anything.

You will be receiving the visit of Mr. Ratel from Tours. He is going to La Salette with his devout wife.

The fine Madame Marceau, the mother of the holy Captain about whom I have often spoken to you, wants to send you a little picture. It is not a picture of a saint, but of a poor priest who wants to become one.<sup>11</sup>

The request we made for Mme. Oddoux failed. We had succeeded with the Minister, but the Colonel of his regiment blocked everything.

We have tried from another angle.

I don't know, dear sisters, when I will be able to go to La Mure. I am so busy that I don't have a single moment. It would happen only if I were to go to Marseilles. These are the sacrifices that God is asking. It certainly would be a pleasure for me to see you and speak with you about our beautiful Work which God is always blessing.

I went to give a Blessed Sacrament retreat at Rouen and one at Tours. God consoled me greatly in these two cities.

My health is good.

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<sup>11</sup> Probably his own.

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Goodbye, my dear and kind sisters. Your mission is to pray, and mine is to pray and preach our Lord Jesus Christ.

All yours,  
Eymard, Sup.

Miss Marianne Eymard  
rue du Breuil  
La Mure d'Isere

<i>Jul 9</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Charity, sins against charity.</i>
<i>Jul 10</i>	<i>Conference Servants: Silence, recollection, hidden life.</i>

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**TO THE MLES BOURGES**

(V 3/4)

*All for Jesus Hostia*

*Paris, July 11, 1860*

Dear Demoiselles,

I have and do share deeply in the cross which is weighing upon you. Oh! Must joy finish so quickly in this world: a very blessed joy, since it was for such a good mother! This cruel illness is very painful. So, you must sympathize with so much suffering, as your heart and devotion are wont to do! God is still leaving you on the cross, dear Demoiselles. It seems that he is quite at home with you, and that since you love him above all, he is coming to rest a little with you on his way to Calvary, and from there to Heaven.

Kindly tell your dear mother from me, our deep feelings about her state of suffering. We are all in prayer for her relief and healing. I will be so happy to see this dear mother once again in Marseilles when God gives me the grace and joy to be sent there. I still do not know [when] because we are very busy with our very numerous First Communions for adults here.

So you are all gathered as a family now. Only one is missing: the one who was its center and glory. But he is in Heaven, this dear brother's crown was complete! The holidays are coming, dear Demoiselles, you must be like a soldier falling from fatigue at the end of the battle. Courage! You need to rest a little, because there is still a way to go. In Paris, I saw fine Mr. Seigneret. I was very happy about it, but in Paris, people miss each other and run after each other. In Marseilles, I hope to repay his kind visit.

Believe me in our Lord, very dear Demoiselles,

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

P.S. Warm greetings of longstanding friendship to your dear brother.

The Mles Bourges  
Boarding School Directors  
rue Curiol, 29  
Marseilles

**TO MME. FRANCHET**  
(VII 31/33)

*All for Jesus Christ*

*Paris, July 11, 1860*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

Be peaceful and tranquil about your good Charles! He is still worthy of his mother, of her piety, of her love. He is always well behaved, I see him often. I saw him just two days ago, usually on Saturdays.

His health is adequate. I told him as I told you, to have some ribs on Friday, since he feels a little weak. He assures me that he is [feeling] better.

However, I am waging war with him so that he will not go to bed so late, as it is a sad and bad habit in Paris; for he needs sleep. I am watching over your good Charles, dear Lady. So don't torment yourself.

I can see from your letter that you are very sad. I can understand that Charles' absence is the reason, but what comforts me is that your fears are unfounded, since you really love the Good Lord. You spoke to me about the Heart of Jesus. You really brought joy to my soul, for that is the treasure of divine love and its mold. Take it where it is, in the divine Eucharist: all living, all afire, all goodness. Unfortunately this divine and beloved Heart is not known or loved, even by many devout persons who keep themselves busy with a thousand little devotions, which are good in themselves, but [they] neglect those which ought to be the life and purpose of them all: the Heart of Jesus which created Calvary and the Eucharist.

You are not sensible in Lyons. I am told that the Pastors begged His Eminence to adjourn the promised exposition. They fear the expenses: the drapes, the candles. They fear that there will not be adorers; how is that for Lyons! when towns considered to be secular that are the same size as Lyons, even the poor Diocese of Versailles, wake up and become enthusiastic for adoration. It seems that there is a real fear that the little Society of the Blessed Sacrament will go to raise a throne to Jesus in Lyons. Poor people! The day and the hour will come when Jesus our great King will say: I want to have a house in Lyons, there will be one, in spite of them or rather invited by them, because Jesus is always the Master.

In the meantime, I keep your long-standing place for you. I pray a great deal for you. I bless you, and your dear husband, and I am in our Lord, dear Madame,

All yours,  
Eymard

<i>Jul 17</i> <i>Conference Servants: Exterior and interior silence.</i>
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**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 70/181 VI 4)

*Paris, July 18, 1860*

Very dear Father,

As your last letter was filled with sadness in our regard, I will tell you that there has been peace and charity in our house ever since I sent away our new brother cook. Nothing has occurred since then which might have offended charity.

I don't know what the Ladies, Fr. Clavel and Br. Martin told you. Each one says things as he sees them or as he feels. I know that you are too much a brother and too religious to condemn the Superior, based on accusations made in his absence.

Then too, don't believe that this uneasiness came only from Brother Michel. No, no, the devil first of all, then each one a little share, then finally, everyone is guilty.

No matter how skilled a sailor may be, the storm comes in spite of him and carries him away with his sails and engines. So, the weather comes from above. Our fault consists in not being ready to resist the storm.

You complain that I don't give you news about the house. Every time there is anything important or interesting, it's a joy for me to write to you about it; but we forget the little gossip, the faults, the passing clouds that cover the sun.

I'm sorry that you believe that our house in Paris isn't functioning well. In that case, it isn't my place to say that it is. All I can say is that there is good will.

I hear that Fr. Clavel is doing well. May God be praised! I hope that he will send someone to replace him.

The installation of Fr. Hiron, the new pastor at St. Jacques, will take place tomorrow. We regretted losing the former one; he became pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas.

On the Feast of the Assumption, we'll have forty children for First Communion; they seem well-disposed.

No new requests for the Blessed Sacrament. Someday soon you will receive a visit from Mr. Ngre, deacon.

Believe me in our Lord, very dear Father,

All yours,  
Eymard, S.S.

To Rev. Fr. de Cuers  
Superior of the Religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
7, rue Nau  
Marseilles

**970**

**CO 969**

**TO MISS GIGUET**

(VII 6/6)

*All for the love and glory of Jesus Hostia*

*Paris, July 18, 1860*

Mademoiselle and dear sister in our Lord,

So now you are a French woman, so much the better! I am so happy to see the pious woman from Savoie becoming French again!

In your last letter you shared that you were sad and discouraged, that darkness was laying hold of you, and that you were fearful about your Communions.

Dear daughter, I understand that our poor [human] nature might be sad and discouraged sometimes. You have suffered so much! and you still suffer. But don't look too closely at your crosses, nor at the battlefields where you were attacked. Look at heaven, at Jesus Christ, his grace, his infinite mercy toward you, his charity which carries you.

That will give you a better perspective.

I know very well that you have never loved the world; this is not the time to begin.

Do not let yourself be troubled by your past; everything was forgiven a long time ago. Do not worry about the future, God is there waiting for you with his love as Father and Savior.

Courage! Drag yourself with your crutches as the Good Lord wills and be happy to carry your cross for the love of God.

Goodbye dear daughter, if I were going near Yonne, yes, I would go see you and bless you.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

**971**

**CO 1050**

**TO MME. ROTTIER (SR. ANTOINETTE DU SS)**

(III 4/4)

*July 19, 1860*

Madame,

I am willingly changing the time of the conference for this evening; we will set it for 4:30.

Tomorrow I will also say holy Mass for you.

What you say is right, you will be entering into Paradise: Paradise is the place where Jesus is King and God.

Perform this action well: as you go from the world to God.<sup>12</sup>

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

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<sup>12</sup> As she entered the convent.

**TO MME. NATALIE JORDAN (NEE BRENIER DE MONTMORAND)**  
(IV 36/75)

*All for the love of Jesus Hostia*

*Paris, July 19, 1860<sup>13</sup>*

Dear Madame,

Yesterday, on the feast of St. Camillus,<sup>14</sup> I thought of you, and I wanted to hurry and write to you because I remembered that it was your beautiful feast day. I was happy about it, but I didn't have a moment to write to you.

I was thinking that you are very lazy because I had first rights; you owed me.

So the silkworms have failed again! It may be the last time. So don't get discouraged with one harvest. God can repay you for all the past.

I was envying you in those beautiful and beloved mountains, those ladders to Heaven; Heaven is more beautiful from mountain tops; the soul is closer to God.

You have read very fine books. There is an excellent one which is ever new; the one which God has written on every plant, on every grain of sand, and within yourself. It's the book of divine love. So then, honor this beautiful book and add a few pages of praise and gratitude. Read all books in this one, and interpret them all in its light, and you will have the key to the understanding of creatures and God himself.

If you knew how much God loves you! You would be proud, almost prideful. If you really understood your grace, how rich you would be! Have courage, dear daughter! We should not cry or drag along when we follow such a good King as Jesus, the King of love!

To the degree that the prison is falling into ruins, the temporary prisoner rejoices because his seclusion will be over.<sup>15</sup>

Try to wait for me, do not go to the heavenly Father too far ahead of me, but help me because I still have a lot to do. Is your dear Mathilde traveling? I would really like her to pass through Paris. When will I see you? I have no idea. Just as Angels do not know anything ahead of time, nor does the servant. I am here [on duty] like the Good Lord's orderly, happy to be at his feet. That is where I think of you and all your loved ones.

Goodbye, I bless you and I am, in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

Mme. Jordan  
10 rue de Castries  
Lyons

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<sup>13</sup> French edition dated July 9<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>14</sup> Her husband's name was Camille.

<sup>15</sup> Allusion to death.

**TO MISS PROUVIER**

(V 2/5)

*All for the love and glory of Jesus Hostia*

*Paris, July 19, 1860*

Mademoiselle and dear sister in our Lord,

It has already been 19 days from the date [of your letter] and I haven't answered you yet! You see what we can expect from human beings. And yet, I was so happy to learn that you had the exposition of the holy Ciborium, that is, of the veiled God! How fortunate you are to have been the first ones in this divine service! to have received the favor of the Bread of life so quickly! And so, watch over it carefully, so that you may not be replaced by hearts that are purer and more fervent! The service of the King must be royal, beautiful, magnificent, and sovereign in everything. Everything is subordinated, everything is due to it.

Be convinced that for you and for your daughters, that is the hidden treasure, the grace of life, the mission of love. The rest will only be a form, or one of its rays.

Direct toward the eucharistic body all the movements of the eaglet's wings. I say eaglets, you are not yet eagles. That will come under the divine action of love.

Dear sister, you tell me that you have turned in on yourself. Then you must have hurt yourself, because we hurt ourselves when we fall on a sharp stone.

You must quickly rise again and walk with your head up high and your heart even higher. Our head gets dizzy when we look at an abyss or a rapid current.

We need to eat to have strength; so eat the Bread of the strong, and not those debilitating things which make you ill. When will God be our strength and our support? Courage! Remember that you are blind, and that you need a divine hand to guide you; deaf, and that you must listen to the inspiration of grace and love; paralytic, and that you need the commands of Jesus to proceed. But above all, don't forget that you are the spouse of the eucharistic Heart and that purity of heart is your dowry, as well as your adornment. So then, be beautiful in purity, limpid in your intentions, selfless in your actions, free in your affections. Be free in the life of love, as love is free and happy in its center of activity. No more spider webs, no more fever of self-love, no more sterile begging from those who have nothing to give. You have the noble Heart of Jesus, that suffices. Let sterile storms blow.

Goodbye dear sister, be on fire - first under the ashes, focused within, to store up its explosive force.

I bless you with all the fondness of the charity of our good Master, in whom I am

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

P.S. The eucharistic heart of Jesus was emphasized in Rouen and Tours. I gave a special sermon at Tours. This is the sowing [of the seed].

Mademoiselle  
Miss Prouvier  
at Lons-le-Saulnier (Jura)

**TO MISS ELIZABETH MAYET**  
(VII 16/17)

*All for the love and glory of Jesus Hostia*

*Paris, July 19, 1860*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

I am always late with my friends. I know that they are so kind and indulgent that I end up with great regrets.

Thank you for your letter and for the happy news it brought me about the ordination of your dear, pious nephew. How devoutly he must have said his first Mass! How the Blessed Trinity must have received both sacrifices, that of Jesus Christ and that of its new Priest! How his saintly Father must have been happy from heaven above to see his dear beloved son become Jesus Christ in action - in the holiness of Jesus!!!

I am still rejoicing over the happiness of each one! his good and pious mother who must have felt no more sorrow, or sadness, on that day since both heaven and earth were there - around the altar, oh! happy mother! to have such a son, who will be the blessing of Jesus Christ in the family!

How happy this dear Marie must have been! to see her brother so close to Jesus Christ, yes Jesus Christ... Marie and Moses,<sup>16</sup> Marie and Jesus Christ. She must have cried with joy and gratitude to be so great in her beloved brother.

And dear Joannes must have been there - with his young man's faith and his brother's heart - other battles for him, a different glory - but, were he King - he would always be the brother of such a good brother. And good beloved Tonny, he must have suffered so, as head of the family, since he could not be there at the place which was his as father. He must have been there, his heart knows no obstacles.

And you, dear daughter, what were you doing there at Belley? You were crying, praying, loving, you were the painter of the Supper and the friend of all.

Did good Fr. Mayet not come to Belley? I would be upset with him, if he thought that best. I was hoping a little that he would have passed through Paris and that I would have had the joy of seeing him.

Yes, it is a good thing that Claudius comes to understand that goodness has its limits, or rather, that one must nevertheless become a man and a perfect man. He is equally capable of good or evil. Poor child!

Goodbye, dear Mademoiselle and dear daughter, [you are the] center of the family, ever be its joy and happiness.

I remain very faithfully united to you in our Lord. My regards to all, but to Fr. Mayet with my heart and soul.

Eymard

P.S. Everything is the same as usual here. Miss Guillot also. The little family is increasing, they will be nine.<sup>17</sup> They love our Lord very much and he must love them.

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<sup>16</sup> Her brother has become an intercessor like Moses, like Jesus.

<sup>17</sup> Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

**TO MISS VIRGINIE DANION (SR. ANNE DE JESUS/SR. MARIE OF THE  
BL. SACRAMENT)**  
(IV 7/36)

*All for the love and glory of Jesus Hostia*

*Paris, July 19, 1860*

Very dear sister in our Lord,

What a long silence from Mauron! Are you still struggling? Always subject to a thousand requests? Take courage! Don't be so forgetful toward your elders.

I should have let you know that I received your last letter. I am doing so now, yes, and all its contents as well. Thank you.

So then, you are working on Calvary. Yes, it must be. The divine blood must be mixed with ours in order for a Work of God to bear fruit, especially a eucharistic Work.

The Works of the Most Blessed Sacrament don't begin like others... It's only right. They deserve the honor of being closest to our good Master, since he is the Work itself.

But then, they grow well where other works fail! As grace is victorious over nature, so Jesus is victorious over the very ones who should have worked with him.

May all the glory belong to Jesus.

Don't let yourself be discouraged or depressed, dear sister. Storms fill the sails and clear the air.

A eucharistic Work is founded upon death and lives by God alone. Oh, I see it every day! Every time we want to put in our own will, we harm God's work.

Trust in your grace and pursue it as a mission of love. The price you will pay is your own immolation. Obedience to the will of God as we know it is the first and final act of love.

I had the joy of speaking about Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at Rouen and Tours. People came and listened devoutly: the seed is planted.

Jesus Eucharistic isn't known! Even by those who ought to make him known! Oh! How little he is loved! even by his own! It's startling and frightening. The devotion of pious people is so unenlightened and misguided. These poor people are kept busy with little pious nothings, tied into a slavery of little practices; they become scrupulous over grains of sand. Oh! Oh! How sad it is! So, my thought is that divine mercy will free these slaves by the grace of the Eucharist.

Dear daughter, we also have our little crosses. Sometimes it's a storm which breaks out on all sides and we no longer know where to turn, then Jesus reappears in the Sun of his goodness, and we are like a person saved from a shipwreck.

Goodbye dear sister.

Yours in the divine Eucharist,  
Eymard, Superior

Miss Virginie Danion  
at Mauron (Morbihan)

<i>Jul 20</i>	<i>Conference Servants: Interior silence.</i>
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**TO MISS MARIETTE GUILLOT (SR. ANNE-MARIE DU SS)**  
(III 14/21)

Paris, July 26, 1860

Dear daughter in our Lord,

Sister Benoitte is going to see you, I'm happy for you....

I'm happy to know that you are better. It will have served as a little retreat. God showed you that we must take advantage of the graces we receive while in good health... [3 lines erased]....

So, may that console and strengthen you in all your trials.... God's good pleasure must be your whole happiness.

Surely, we prayed very much for you here, and that is why you were so strong.

Yes, dear daughter, filial abandonment to the holy will of God, let that be your crown and your perfection. Don't seek any other.

Surrender to God the care of your life and your future. Have only one desire, one pleasure: that of serving him according to his holy Will.

Goodbye, good daughter.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

Miss Mariette Guillot  
17, rue du Juge de Paix  
Fourviere, Lyons

Jul 27 *Conference Servants: The chapter of faults and grace.*

Jul 29 *Conference Servants: Announcing the foundation retreat.*

*Annual retreat - "Foundation Retreat" to the Servants from July 30 to August 5, 1860.*

Jul 27 *Conference Servants: The chapter of faults and grace.*

Jul 29 *Conference Servants: Announcing the foundation retreat.*

Jul 30 *Opening. Spirit of love and recollection.*

Jul 31 *1<sup>st</sup> Meditation - Total gift of self.*

*Conference: Openness of heart.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Meditation - Esteem and love of the eucharistic vocation (service of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament).*

Aug 1 *1<sup>st</sup> Meditation - Eucharist, purpose of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.*

*Conference: The Rule.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Meditation - Adoration, mission of prayer, reparation.*

Aug 2 *1<sup>st</sup> Meditation - The love of God in our vocation.*

*Conference: The spirit of nature of grace, dominant grace.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Meditation - The grain of wheat.*

Aug 3 *1<sup>st</sup> Meditation - Purity.*

*Conference: Extraordinary states of soul.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Meditation - We must go to God through love.*

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

Aug 4	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Meditation - How little Jesus Christ is loved. Conference: Explanation of the two first chapters of the rule: Service of Jesus, Spirit of love. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meditation - Hidden life. Exterior recollection, modesty.</i>
Aug 5	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Meditation - On the vows. Conference: Immediate assault on the dominant fault. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meditation - Work assignments. We ought to be pleased with the good Lord.</i>

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**CO 975**

**TO MISS PROUVIER**

(V 3/5)

*Paris, August 1, 1860*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

I hasten to answer your letter. I hope that our good Master is the one who inspired my reply.

1. Take care of your body, just as the doctor wills.
2. Take even better care of your soul, in gentle and gracious union in our Lord. God is offering you a grace of recollection.
3. Deal very gently and patiently with your proud Marie. She is too ill for violent remedies. Open her eyes by your compassionate charity.

And pray a great deal for her, as well as for us, your little brothers in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All yours,  
Eymard

Mademoiselle, Miss Prouvier  
at Lons-le-Saulnier (Jura)

Aug 7	<i>Conference Servants: Daily schedule. The final rule - union with God by the grace of feeling, of light, and by mystery.</i>
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**978**

**CO 976**

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

(I 71/181 VI 4)

*Paris, August 9, 1860*

Very dear Father,

I received all the money you referred to and sent me, courtesy of Miss Marie. I divided it as specified. I'm sending you the bills.

The office of the Legion of Honor replied that you would be advised only in July 1861 whether you could withdraw a salary in Marseilles every six months.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

Last week I gave a retreat to the Ladies at No. 66. An aspirant from Toulon, Miss Vital (without Toulon knowing about it), came to study her vocation. She left three days ago, she seems to be deciding favorably; now she is free. The young woman from Marseilles is settling down courageously to her new lifestyle. She will have sacrifices to make. She is a bit uncomfortable right now from the change in temperature. It seems that it was very hot in Marseilles. It's almost cold here and always raining.

Our little theologians will have their second test in theology. Brother Carri is beginning to settle down. He really had difficulty at the beginning, because he didn't understand his classical author sufficiently.

We'll have a lovely First Communion, thirty-seven young adults, many of whom are 17, 18, 19 years old, and two girls. I want the Ladies to begin the Work of First Communion also, for girls. They will have some after the Assumption.

A theologian is presenting himself. It's the one from Gien who was with Mr. Golliet. Since he didn't have his dimissorial letter, he had been delayed. He wrote to tell me that his Bishop didn't refuse it. I answered that we should first see each other and have a retreat of discernment. I haven't received his answer yet. He has already completed one or two years of theology.

There is nothing new about the compulsory sale.

Your hope that Mr. Olive will charitably pay the memorandum [which has] come due is good news. He can do it, and it's a beautiful loan to our Lord.

Believe me, dear Father, my affection for you hasn't changed.

I hope that I really do love the divine Eucharist, and so how wouldn't I love its first knight, the adorer who preceded the beginnings, a companion in arms!

So when I wrote to you last, my written words evidently didn't convey my thought.<sup>18</sup> I only wanted to forewarn you against false or exaggerated impressions, which persons or circumstances can create. I'm more upset about your pain than my own, because I know that you want only what is good and best for the Work and for me. I'll explain things to you face to face.

I'm sorry that I don't have anyone to send to you, at least for a month, so that you could have time to come to Paris. If I had some money, I would suggest that Fr. Champion or Fr. Bissey go to spend a few weeks in Marseilles, even if that might make it difficult for us here and could cause gossip about our small numbers, but that wouldn't be anything. On August 7<sup>th</sup>, I withdrew your interest from Mr. Marziou's, 50 francs. They are hoping to succeed with the transatlantic liner. The Gazomotor invented by a friend of Mr. Marziou's succeeded well. I gave the 50 francs to Brother Carri.

I only have enough space and time to say that I am, in our Lord,

All yours,

Eymard, S.S.S.

P.S. You sent only 320 francs for your vestments, instead of 330. Brother Carri and I counted it four times.

Aug 10	<i>Conference Servants: Strength and rest, the work of adoration is everything.</i>
Aug. 15	<i>Bishop de Charbonnel, Cap., passing through Paris, confirmed Fr. Eymard's 38 First Communicants.</i>
Aug 17	<i>Conference Servants: Three kinds of peace: conscience, virtue and God.</i>

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<sup>18</sup> Literally: my pen evidently...

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**CO 977**

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

(IV 8/36)

*Paris, August 17, 1860*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

You will be receiving the crosses. Your book on holy Abandonment is nowhere to be found. I will press them to reprint it. Thank you for kindly remembering me in the presence of God. Do so often: I need it.

Try to become like stone, marble and diamond under the blows of the hammer; that whole thing is very sad. He should request to be changed, it should be requested for him: it would be a grace. See him as being out of his wits, unable to listen to reason, so forceful to spread criticism and even more forceful in scolding you.<sup>19</sup>

When he comes to you, I permit you to get upset with him but only to the point of anger. It's idiotic to try to reason with madness; it's a stupid kind of charity.

Please, have no more weaknesses of patience, humility and forbearance. It will never end! It's better to break off completely. Your reputation belongs to God, your freedom is yours. - Do what is right and let others talk; don't even allow anyone to discuss it with you. Bury that name fifty feet underground, and you will be free and wise.

Serve our Lord well, and then what will you care about the mosquitoes in the valley?

Be happy, self-controlled, peaceful, constantly at the feet of our good Master, and let the little Marthas scream.

I bless you in our Lord,  
Eymard, Superior

**980**

**CO 978**

**TO MISS STEPHANIE GOURD**

(V 29/52)

*Paris, August 19, 1860*

Miss Stephanie

So you are feeling better now, dear daughter! May God be thanked and blessed for it! We were very sad to know that you were so ill.

It was an illness for the glory of God like that of Lazarus. Oh! It was too soon to go to Heaven at such a young age! and then your eucharistic mission isn't finished yet.

So God heard our prayers, may he be praised! Sickness is worth a good retreat! So now you are purified, entirely God's!

It really hurt me to hear about the behavior of that S.<sup>20</sup> Oh! Yes, tell her Superior. It's a charity because whoever has the plague must be exposed. However the Superior should be discreet

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<sup>19</sup> Her pastor? A chaplain? A confessor?

<sup>20</sup> Sister?

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

and not reveal your name; it's useless. If, in fact, you have motives to fear this, impose the secret upon her, in order that you may be able to keep it quiet.

Our good Master is the one who healed you! So he has his plans; that is, that you should give yourself entirely to his glory. Well, yes!

You see what men are like and do! Alas! Poor humanity! But God is the best doctor.

They say that there is no worse doctor than a family friend.

Renew your strength at the springs and follow the required treatment without scruples.

Belong to God with your heart, not with your head.

Goodbye, dear daughter, I bless you with my whole soul.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

**981**

**CO 979**

**TO MR. LOUIS PERRET**  
(VII 4/14)

*Paris, August 20, 1860*

Very dear Mr. Perret,

We all share in the sorrow and pain of your heart at this time. We do so especially through prayer, asking our Lord to give you strength and acceptance, and to your beloved brother, God's love to crown such a devout life and apostolic zeal which was so humble and persevering.

Poor friend! Alas! So many crosses this year! Surely God finds his glory in it and you find your crown. Such is life in this sad world, a life of farewells or of eternal rendezvous at the feet of God.

You are investing your wealth well! since it is the wealth of God's poor [people]. So, thieves will never take it from you.

Our First Communion on Assumption Day was thrilling. Thirty-seven very devout adults, all dressed in new clothes, formed the little army of Jesus Christ. Among these 37 some were Angels. I was at the point of tears when I saw these poor forsaken street children whose parents were almost all irreligious, or even less, praying so fervently, approaching the Communion rail with a touching modesty. What the grace of God and the charity of Jesus Christ can do? One hundred seven young men have made their First Communion this year. That is [what happened to] the seed of your visits to the Fosse-aux-Lions! Two girls who had been forsaken also made their first Communion.

That evening, after Vespers, Bishop Charbonnel, Capuchin, came to Confirm them all in our chapel, so the feast was complete.

What really consoled us is that not a single one of these communicants went to the civil celebrations and the fireworks, but they stayed quietly at home.

The retreat was more complete this time. - We kept them for 3 days - We gave them breakfast in the morning; then we were in better control of the situation.

Yesterday, Sunday, they came to receive the scapular. May Jesus and Mary keep them!

Nothing new here. It is a little like heaven; the divine service is always the same. -

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

All the Fathers and Brothers ask me to express to you their feelings of friendship and their fond dedication, and I, dear Mr. Perret, remain united with you in our Lord.

Eymard

P.S. Please express my longstanding sentiments of fondness and union in our Lord to your dear brother. I constantly pray for him.

Aug21	<i>Conference Servants: Confidence in the grace of vocation, seeking only for grace, attentiveness to grace.</i>
Aug 23	<i>Confrence Servants: Avoid banalities. Preparation before adoration.</i>

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**TO MME. CAMILLE CHANUET, NEE CROZET (SR. CAMILLE DU SS)**  
(VII 4/17)

*Paris, August 23, 1860*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

Thank you! Thank you so much for your last letter. It allowed us to share in the great joy and happiness of the first reception.<sup>21</sup> Praise God! It is like the joy of Tobias' return! you are the happy mother! I implored our Lord to give you a share in our hundredfold, and I hope to see that I have been heard.

Let Mme. Blanche carry out her duties as a daughter. She gains by it and so do you. It is her duty and joy.

The day after your letter, I saw the fine Mme. Couchies here.<sup>22</sup> She was pleased with my words about her dear Blanche. She will go to see you with Miss Benjamin<sup>23</sup> when they call her. She is very happy to go see you. She is free; her brother went back to Sens.

You will have a little more time for yourself, dear Mother; you must even know how to find some, so as to give more time to God and to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You must have the young ones do the work.

Brother Michel is resting a little. - I gave them two weeks without studies. He is taking advantage of it to be more united with our Lord. He is surely right, because that is the whole of life. Dear Mother, go often to drink from this fountain of living water. Do so by means of your heart and the gift of your will... Take care of your affairs with our Lord and he will take care of your [family].

Goodbye, dear Mother. I like to receive news from you. It's family news.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Superior

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<sup>21</sup> Brother Michel' Chanuet' - first visit home from seminary.

<sup>22</sup> Her son's mother-in-law.

<sup>23</sup> Perhaps a name, perhaps also a pet name for the youngest in the family.

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Mme. Chanuet, mother  
c/o Mr. Blanc de S. Bonnet  
at St. Bonnet via Vaugneray  
(Rhone)

P.S. The Blessed Virgin would say to her divine Son: they have no more wine. Kindly do the same, but on condition that we pay the cost. It is so difficult to get natural wine here. Naturally I thought of you, although with some reserve. Please, if you have none to sell, ignore this request. Otherwise I will hesitate in the future.

<i>Aug 31</i>	<i>Conference Servants: We must serve God, in him and for him.</i>
<i>No date</i>	<i>Conference Servants: The hidden life in silence and recollection.</i>
<i>Sep</i>	<i>Conference Servants: Penances.</i>
<i>Sep 3</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Humility of love, practice of humility.</i>

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**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 72/181 VI 4)

*Paris, September 3, 1860*

Very dear Father,

Fr. Bissey will leave Paris Sunday, September 9, at 1:45 p.m., and will reach you on Monday at 6:30 in the evening. By sending you this dear colleague, I am proving that I love you more than myself, as I think it will not just be for a month, but for definite residence, since you would be left alone too much.

What makes me happy is that you will soon have four priests, since Brother Martin is close to it.

We will remain two here. However, I hope that God, who has always assisted us in need, will send us help when he judges opportune. In the meantime, we are able to continue his holy service, even at night.

Our young theologians will return to their theology tomorrow after two weeks of rest. They are few, but provided that they are good, it's enough.

I heard about a priest from Sens who is thinking of coming. I'm waiting for his request, will he be among the elect? I don't know.

We will be very pleased to receive good Fr. Leroyer. If we had been more numerous here, I would have preferred to go to give you the annual retreat, and receive his vows at the end; but it isn't possible: the service of the Master would suffer from it.

Goodbye, dear Father. Difficulties are seeds of grace. I dismissed the brother who came. He hardly knew how to read Latin. Brother Martin is still a bit stubborn, but has persevering courage. I would like to see him a bit calmer, and especially very charitable toward those he thinks are not good.

Very dear Father, I am,

United to you in our Lord,  
Eymard

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

P.S. Your box left yesterday by freight. We scolded Mr. Carpentier, as we weren't too satisfied here either.

Rev. Fr. de Cuers  
Superior of the religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
7 rue Nau  
Marseilles

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**TO THE MLLS BOURGES**

(V 4/4)

*Paris, September 6, 1860*

Mademoiselles and dear sisters in our Lord,

My deepest sympathy for the pain you felt at the death of your dear and kind mother. Oh! It is a sad life which makes us say such painful farewells; and you have already said so many! Poor Demoiselles, you must not let yourselves grieve too much because your parents are saints, and you will find them again in Heaven one day. Then, there is a final consolation that you were able to assist your own at that supreme moment, and to have fulfilled that last duty of friendship toward them.

Your mother was so kind! She loved her children so! In her final illness she was purified by God's divine mercy so that he could reward her sooner.<sup>24</sup> I always do pray for her, and for your beloved brother,<sup>25</sup> who, I believe, is in Heaven, and for your father, whom God has received in his mercy.

Dear Demoiselles, I don't know when I shall go to Marseilles, but my first visit will be for you.

Take a good rest during the holidays; you must really need it. Rest especially at the feet of our Lord.

Goodbye, my dear sisters in our Lord, I bless you wholeheartedly.

All yours,

Eymard, Superior

The Mlles Bourges  
Boarding School Directors  
rue Curiol, 29  
Marseilles

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<sup>24</sup> Allusion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? (Ed.)

<sup>25</sup>This brother was a priest and had been a curate at La Seyne-sur-Mer.

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**TO MR. JOSEPH-AUGUSTE CARREL**

(V 8/24)

Paris, September 6, 1860

Dear friend and brother in our Lord,

What a surprise this morning! Through your help divine Providence sent me bread for his children, news about a good friend whom I was expecting here as usual, a fine invitation to Bethany.<sup>26</sup>

Therefore, thank you in the name of our good Master. I will lodge at your home when the Master sends me to Marseilles in a few months. So you are disabled, dear friend of God! Can it be that you are in that condition, you, who are called upon by everyone! The good Master wills it, may he be blessed! But I will ask him to heal you quickly and he will heal you.

Thank our good Mother for me, since it is through you that she sent me God's gift.

Fortunately, our Master is rich and powerful, good and loving. He will repay it all generously in this world and in the next.

Here everything is as usual. Our Master is everything and we are nothing.

I embrace you *toto corde et animo*.<sup>27</sup>

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Superior

Sep 7	Conference Servants: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.
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**TO MME. CAMILLE CHANUET, NEE CROZET (SR. CAMILLE DU SS)**

(VII 5/17)

Paris, September 7, 1860

Dear Mother,

I cannot write to Mr. Amedee without greeting you in our Lord.

The mother directed the hand of her sons and tomorrow, our good Master will be crowned by your devotion.<sup>28</sup> Congratulations, dear Mother, because your divine debtor is rich and kind! Thank you for the wine which your farmer promised me. This is an account we have opened with you, isn't it, dear Mother?

I remain closely united to you in our Lord.

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

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<sup>26</sup> Alms for the Work of First Communions and an invitation to visit the Carrel family when in Lyons.

<sup>27</sup> With all my heart and soul.

<sup>28</sup> Meaning unclear, perhaps some gift that serves for worship.

**TO MR. JOSEPH-AUGUSTE CARREL**

(V 9/24)

*Paris, September 9, 1860*

Dear friend and brother in our Lord,

I couldn't help laughing this morning, when I received a letter from Mme. de la Goutte explaining that she had sent 200 francs for her children who were traveling. I thought I was rich with an additional 200 francs for a few days; what an illusion! Now, I find myself rich with more than half, since the Good Lord will be my debtor. So, dear friend, it's a misunderstanding on my part, which is no obstacle to my happiness and joy to be

All yours in our Lord,

Eymard

P.S. The 200 francs are available for Mr. Paul when he passes through [Paris]. Kindly send this letter to Mr. Creuset, Third Order member, I don't know his number.

Sir,

Mr. Carrel, Linen merchant

3 Quai d'Orleans

Lyons (Rhone)

<i>Sep 12</i>	<i>Conference Servants: The Work of First Communion and the priests who have left.</i>
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**TO MME. CLOTILDE THOLIN-BOST**

(IV 42/52)

*Paris, September 12, 1860*

Madame and very dear sister in our Lord,

I am far behind with you; that is the sin of poor people.

I received news indirectly about you and your family. Congratulations on the success of your dear children, but especially for their good behavior and their true desire to love the Good Lord. May these dear children continue, and divine wisdom will bless them. May they keep themselves always truly pure, for God is light and we ought to be children of light. God is love and we ought to love him in his divine love.

So then, you will soon be going to Hyeres, dear sister! You do well, especially to attend entirely to God and your health. Mr. Laure<sup>29</sup> will be good for you. Obey him.

Visit dear Mme. Laure, my longstanding daughter. I said and I repeat that someday she will be a great saint. Her conscience is suffering; that is her cross; but we must help her to carry it.

At Hyeres you will find an excellent Pastor, Fr. Liotard; remember me to him.

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<sup>29</sup> A physician known to St. Eymard.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

I am accompanying you with my prayers and wishes. Scatter a few eucharistic sparks everywhere.

I remain in our Lord,

Madame and dear sister,

All yours,

Eymard, Superior

P.S. Mr. Adolphe and Mr. Paul are well. I gave Mr. Adolphe a lovely book for you. - I left him in spiritual freedom.

My very respectful regards to his kind mother.

I am having the Office of the Most Blessed Sacrament printed. Please find out whether they might want some [copies] at Tarare, at both parishes, and at Amplepuis. It will cost little.

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**TO MR. LOUIS PERRET**

(VII 5/14)

*Paris, September 12, 1860*

Very dear Mr. Perret,

We all felt both afflicted and comforted by the painful and edifying news you gave us about the death of your dear holy brother - Oh yes! He is a saint; his holiness was so gracious [toward others] but so strict toward himself. What a delicate conscience! How devoted he was to his beautiful Work of the Propagation of the Faith. How much gratitude the Marist Fathers owe him! It is due to his zeal and affection that they have received major support - that good Priest! It was always a joy for me to meet him and exchange a few words with him.

If there is still time, recommend me as well as our little Society to his prayers. Here, we are all praying for him.

And you, poor dear friend, you must be the consolation of all your loved ones, and you must be at their bedside of pain and death. That is the mission entrusted to your devotion - we will try to replace your family, and to give you what you give so generously to others.

The Work of First Communion is praying for you; I do thank you for what you have sent for it. It was really Providence!

Believe us and especially myself, dear Mr. Perret, {to be}

Your friend in our Lord,

Eymard, Superior

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 73/181 VI 4)

*Paris, September 13, 1860*

Very dear Father,

I am writing to acknowledge your kind letter with its contents. Your letter really consoled me. You saw the trial in the same way as we did; that is, as a grace: few and good.<sup>30</sup> As long as we are enough for the service of our Good Master, everything is going well.

We are doing more than you in Marseilles, with nocturnal adoration five times a week here. No one even seems to think that we are doing much. Love never says: it's enough. People in the world work more than we do. So, if someone complains, it would be a bad sign. If they continued to complain, they should be sent away as lazy and dangerous servants.

I really approve the idea of sending Fr. Leroyer here, if your young man arrives.

Our retreatant is fine and has good will. He seems to esteem and love our life. But we shouldn't judge him too quickly since we have been taken in so often. However, he is humble, and that gives me hope.

Jesus, the Emperor of Emperors, is too poor, too mortified, too pure for the world, and even for devout people. Oh! There are so few souls who love Jesus for himself and want to serve him for his glory! It's frightening, so we must help the youth.

Goodbye, good Father. My friendly regards to all, and from everyone to everyone.

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

P.S. Yes, may this fatherly Providence be praised which so kindly feeds us every day. It's a proof that he loves us and is pleased with our services, imperfect though they be, at the feet of Jesus our love.

It happens so often that I am at my last penny, that I wonder what God is going to do, and from which side help will come. You know our resources. Our expenses are great, especially the false expenses, the enormous taxes, interest, etc. Well! everything comes in its own time.

I often don't dare buy myself something for fear of increasing the Good Lord's debt, and then each thing comes in its own time. I might say that it's like a continual miracle, it's like the manna of the desert, which falls each day.

Rev. Fr. de Cuers  
Superior of the religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
7 rue Nau  
Marseilles

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<sup>30</sup> It is better to be few and to be good (religious or adorers).

**TO MILES. MARIANNE EYMARD AND NANETTE BERNARD**  
(III 116/145 VI 10)

*Paris, September 13, 1860*

My very dear sisters,

I understand your heart's desire to see me at La Mure. Mine would desire the same for your sake, but we must know how to sacrifice pleasure to duty, and at this time it is impossible because of our exposition which I cannot leave. It might be possible only in the winter or the spring when I hope to go to Marseilles; but since I would be going to La Mure not for the Region, but for you, the time of year will not stop me.

You are having minor difficulties about the house and about business matters. God will help you. These are the small crosses of life. Everyone has some difficulties.

The essential thing, dear sisters, is that our good Master be well served and very happy with us. We have such a short time to live on this poor earth; we must take advantage of it to love the Good Lord and serve him well in his Most Holy Sacrament.

Be grateful that you are able to do some good to your girls<sup>31</sup> and around you, that is the joy of the Christian life.

As for me, I am well. Our holy and beautiful Work continues to be our consolation and happiness in the midst of the little trials caused by subjects who come from time to time, but that helps to increase our trust in God.

The women are fine also and their happiness consists in serving our Lord.

Come now, my good sisters, have courage and zeal, rejoice always in the grace of our Lord and kind Father.

All yours in our Lord,  
Your brother,  
Eymard, Sup.

**TO MISS PROUVIER**  
(V 4/5)

*Paris, September 13, 1860*

Dear sister in our Lord,

I read your letters with pleasure. The struggle of nature and grace are evident there; and then, your poor soul is always somewhat tangled in the spider webs. Oh! If you would consult the Holy Spirit within you a little more, and have a little more trust and inner dependence on divine grace, you would have a good and wise director!

I think you need more freedom; but you don't know how to use it well, nor to maintain it, nor to conciliate it with obedience. So then, ask our Lord for that.

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<sup>31</sup> Nanette's orphaned nieces.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

Your reasons in favor of the Third Order of Mary as a preparation strongly impressed me. At first, I would have had some things against it. Today, I am in favor of it, and I urge you to do it, if you still feel inclined toward it.

The Marist Priests are fine religious. They have a good spirit and are the beloved children of the Blessed Virgin. So, you cannot make a better choice. Be a good, gracious, devout mother. When the mother's labors will be upon you, remain at the foot of the cross, with the Mother of mothers.

Be like her, standing, strong, and pure in suffering.

Pray a great deal for me. I do so with joy for you and for all your daughters.

Goodbye in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard, S.

<i>Sep 14</i>	<i>Conference Servants: The Book of Penances.</i>
<i>Sep 18</i>	<i>Conference Servants: Scapulars, explanation of schedule</i>

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**TO MR. LOUIS PERRET**

(VII 6/14)

*Paris, September 19, 1860*

Dear friend and beloved brother in our Lord,

We grieved with you for your fine devout brother who was taken from you. We do pray for him, for one must be so pure from all the dust of this world to enter into Heaven.

We will willingly say the Masses which you desire to have said as soon as possible. - Having known and loved this dear brother, it will be a double reason to pray more fervently for him.

Your nephew kindly came to give us news about you. Yes dear Mr. Perret, consider us as yours, as your family, forever in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard, S.

P.S. All the Fathers and Brothers want me to tell you that they shared in your loss and love you, and especially Brother Chanuet.

<i>Sep 21</i>	<i>Conference Servants: About the Book of Penances</i>
<i>Sep 23</i>	<i>Conference Servants: You must be God's good employees</i>
<i>Oct 1</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Sadness</i>
<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Conference Servants: The hidden life</i>

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE**  
(IV 27/104)

*Paris, October 4, 1860*

Madame and dear daughter in our Lord,

You are right to complain about me. I still wouldn't have enough courage to write to anyone except to you. Alas, poor Italy! Unfortunate Italians! Evil is triumphing.

I would have liked to go for a brief visit, but my time was spent nearly always traveling. You know how dear your soul is to me in our Lord.

So, be very faithful to your morning prayers. As for the evening, do them freely according to your duties. You aren't obliged to put aside everything to do them: no, no.

You would do well to go into seclusion on the day of your monthly retreat.

I cannot send you that monthly retreat yet, nor my notes; I didn't have time.

Let me tell you what they wrote to me on September 19<sup>th</sup> about the person I had mentioned to you: I copy: - "The Blessed Virgin said: 'On a certain day I came down to the mountain to foretell great misfortunes. These will happen, if my people do not convert. I can no longer hold back the arm of my Son. Oh! my poor children! If you knew all the sins which are taking place!' And while saying this she looked toward the Blessed Sacrament. Big tears fell from her eyes. After a long pause, she said: 'You are doing what the angels do in heaven; All in Heaven envy your happiness. Benefit from it. My daughter pray especially for bad priests. There are so many who do not love your little Jesus!' Sister said: 'But Mother, there are so many good ones!' She answered me: 'Oh my child! There are many who are considered good, who cover themselves with good and do evil! Oh Poor France! Italy! Austria! Spain! Pray that disaster will not come and touch the Work.'"

So dear sister, this is my letter.

Goodbye. The mail is leaving.

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

Madame de Grandville  
8 rue Saint-Laurent  
Nantes, Lower Loire

**TO MME. CLOTILDE THOLIN-BOST**  
(IV 43/52)

*Paris, October 4, 1860*

Madame and very dear sister in our Lord,

I will send you the Offices of the Most Blessed Sacrament later, because they aren't ready yet. I want to prepare a Manual for the associates and the adorers, which, I hope will accomplish your purpose and hopes, so please wait.

We need to cover our walls with a white hanging. We will need about a hundred meters of muslin with large brocade, not too expensive, because it is only temporary. Could you send us some samples with the price? We would see whether we can manage this expense. We had a beautiful hanging of white damask, but since it is already darkened, and since we cannot change it at the moment, we plan to cover it with muslin.

I saw your younger brother who came to ask me for a letter of reference. I liked him, he strikes me as having a strong personality. He is very dear to me, since he is your brother.

Dear Madame, you will find a new place for your two little children. May God truly bless them and may they always be pure, in order to be pleasing to Jesus and Mary: it's the virtue of the Angels and of all those who love God above all.

As for you, dear Madame, you are going to Hyeres; my hope is that your health will be completely restored. Mr. Laure [the doctor] will be devoted to you.

Goodbye dear Madame and sister, I bless you in our Lord and I am,

All yours,  
Eymard, Sup.

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**TO MISS ELIZABETH MAYET**  
(VII 17/17)

*Paris, October 4, 1860*

Dear Miss Elizabeth,

Your devout and lovely memento is in my room. I wanted to enjoy it freely; it recollects me and makes me think with pleasure about our good Master whom you have so beautifully drawn. Thank you most heartily for your gift - I find it very touching and it also brings back so many good memories! I had not forgotten that portrait, since I first saw it. It seems to me I can still see it in the lovely family living room where we were so happy and so welcomed.

I am truly sorry that I didn't see dear Claudius who brought it to me; I would have thanked him twice [over]. Paris is so large. Your dear Tonny is the one who brought it to me from Lyons, do thank him for me. I understand that he could not come this far, with all his business, it's so far. I love him just the same.

Your silence tells me that you haven't seen your dear priest-brother. I was hoping to have a little talk here when he passed through [Paris].

We spoke about him often with Bishop de Charbonnel, the Capuchin who became our neighbor. This dear Bishop came for supper with us on the feast of the Assumption, after a Confirmation. He is even more delightful with his beautiful violet cassock.

The Ladies whom you know are doing well.<sup>32</sup> They do love God very much - and especially, they imitate the simple and hidden life of the Blessed Virgin and of our Lord. That is what gives me such hope.

We are fine as well, sometimes by means of the cross, sometimes with joy, but what does it matter! Provided that the Good Master is pleased!

And you, dear daughter, love the Good Lord dearly and be the center of the Mayet family, that is the right and privilege of older sisters. That is the better part.

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

Goodbye. Believe that I am ever, as I was 20 years ago,

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

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

(IV 9/36)

*Paris, October 5, 1860*

Dear sister,

I missed the mail<sup>33</sup> in early September and we are already in October. But you have an increase of grace now, you had your retreat: you are holier now, you belong totally to God and the glory of Jesus, a host of love to the Blessed Sacrament. May you be blessed for it.

I really did pray for your retreat. It's too important to me! I would have liked to see you in Paris, to speak a little about our eucharistic struggle. I see that our thoughts meet on the subject of our friends, pious people, zealous collaborators. My opinion has changed: nothing is to be gained by associating with such people: the cost is too high. What we need is new men, people who want only Jesus Christ and his glory, and not their own spiritual preferences, desires (stemming from self-love) and their zeal (stemming from restlessness).

Oh! Oh! How few people there are given to a pure and selfless service of Jesus! I never would have thought there were so many who are enslaved by their own ego in the midst of God's graces and favors. Now, we will imitate the King in the Gospel: since those who were invited have refused to come, we will seek out those who are poor and rejected by the world; or rather God is sending them to us, and they are well received.

Yes, surely, dear sister, we want to be closely united to your dear Work<sup>34</sup> and be part of it, as you are with ours. It is not without reason that Jesus found us at his feet in Lyons! He has his plans, and I can assure you that our good Master's every desire is my supreme law and only happiness.

Pray for us; the grace of the cross often comes to visit us. The devil is furious against our Work; false vocations crucify us, and bad ones, unfortunately! would make us die, if Jesus were not our life.

Everyone has forsaken us; but my soul is in heavenly bliss because we have no human protectors, no friends even among religious, other than our own. So, my great ambition is to be the knight of pure Love for Jesus, and his greater glory in the Blessed Sacrament.

Recently I saw Sr. Isabelle who has left; she asked me to remember her to you.

When will you come to Paris? Or when will our paths cross? You know that I am, in our Lord,

Ever yours,  
Eymard, Superior

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<sup>33</sup> Perhaps a personal opportunity to send mail? Ed.

<sup>34</sup> The plan to establish a community of Thanksgiving does not seem to materialize for several years. cf; letter to Miss Danion, June 26, 1867.

**TO MISS VIRGINIE DANION (SR. ANNE DE JESUS/SR. MARIE OF THE  
BL. SACRAMENT)**  
(IV 10/36)

Paris, October 11, 1860

Very dear sister in our Lord,

Thank you for your kind letter. I give thanks to our good Master for having flooded you with graces during your lovely retreat. We will all benefit a little from it. Yes, yes, like you I am convinced that in the adorable Sacrament, we have life and eternal life. We will be his guard of honor, his little eucharistic court, until the end of the world. People, demons and our imperfections shake this little boat, but it carries Jesus Christ. I dearly love your Work; it is life-giving and royal: it has my whole heart, and holds a prominent place here. Before every prayer, we use the invocation of praise and thanksgiving, both in public as in private. *Laudes ac gratiae sint omni momento Sanctissimo ac Divinissimo Sacramento.*<sup>35</sup>

The condition of one Mass per month to become part of your association would prevent us, because all our Masses are given for the luminary, and it would cause difficulties for the other houses. So then, consider us as only one and inscribe the house of Paris. We will say the monthly Mass on the first Saturday of the month, and I will take responsibility for it; after me, it will always be the Superior, etc. The other conditions are easy.

You are right, dear sister, we don't need people who are like beggars, who accept everything and who don't take anything into account. There are many devout people who think they are doing a lot just by receiving.

Get a few good souls who will weigh heavily in the scales; that will be better.

Sister Isabelle left a long time ago. I've been seeing her for at least four years. When I spoke to her about you, she cried with joy; her first desire was to go see you. She had to go with the others. I don't think her eyes are good enough for sewing. She has cried too much, and still cries a little.

Have courage, dear daughter and dear sister, have courage! We are serving a good Master and we don't need anyone's protection to serve him.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Superior

Oct 12	<i>Conference Servants: Joy and graciousness.</i>
Oct 16	<i>Conference Servants: Hidden life and the virtues.</i>

<sup>35</sup>Oh Sacrament most Holy, Oh Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

**TO MME. FRANCHET**  
(VII 32/33)

*Paris, October 16, 1860*

Dear Madame,

Since I cannot stop at Lyons for the moment, I am sending you your dear son's letter. I saw him a few hours ago. This dear Charles is a responsible [young man]. He will always be, and will be worthy of you and his good father, to whom I beg you to offer my feelings of friendship.

Yesterday, I wanted him to come and eat with us, but he was expected elsewhere.

On leaving, I recommended him to my colleague, and I advised him to go see Bishop Segur who is so devout and kind!

If I can stop in Lyons when I return in approximately a month and a half, I will greet you briefly on the run.

Pray to the Good Lord a little for us. I do so for you and I am in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard

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**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 74/181 VI 4)

*Paris, October 17, 1860*

Very dear Father,

Thank you for your letter, which I loved. It really consoled me. I was waiting for it. I really wanted to have news about you. As I knew that Fr. Leroyer had written to you, I didn't do so. I was also a bit disturbed about his long stay in Angers, and I was waiting for his return to write to you. Finally, he arrived this morning. May God be praised! He is beginning his retreat to prepare for vows. He really interested us by telling us so much about you and Marseilles.

I'm happy to see that he is very devoted to the Work and that he has a heartfelt attachment to you.

Now about your letter:

1. About the priest from Rennes. I'll write to the Archbishop tomorrow for information. Age doesn't matter, if he is totally dedicated to the Work, and if he can fulfill its purpose. Better yet, if our Good Master is the one who is sending him, let him be welcome!

2. The position you have taken toward Porte, the young philosopher, is really the wisest.

3. You can count the two Brothers' novitiate as beginning on Assumption or from Sunday the 21st, the feast of the Purity of the Blessed Virgin.

I even think that this time of probation is too long. The longest should be from three to six months....as we see in several Communities, like the Benedictines, I believe. What should be noticed is that, in a Community of honor, the postulancy is always very short.

4. Now about purchasing the house. We cannot count on Sr. Maria, who is here. As I see it, she has no vocation, and I was told the same. I believe she is thinking of leaving because she is frustrated these days. She is only staying here through virtue.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

The only other resource I can offer is the hope of selling our house here. We are still waiting to hear about the decree. We are being told that it will probably be next year. If that is how things are, we would give you all you need. I don't like to have the Sisters and Brothers share the same chapel. Fr. Champion and Fr. Leroyer are of the same opinion. For the moment, perhaps, it wouldn't be any great problem, but this evil world gives us cause to fear.

I'm very happy about the Bishop's good attitude. As you are in the situation, you see better than we do.

It seems to me that if we should purchase, it should be done through Mr. Gurin, in his name or in ours, by private contract. When a public contract is made, they put the names they want.

Fr. Leroyer will make his vows on Tuesday, the feast of the Holy Redeemer. He will reach you at the end of the week crowned and embroidered with the gold of divine love.

Forgive me. I didn't write to you sooner, because I was waiting for a letter from you every day. I would say to myself: I'll wait and make it a single reply.

Everyone here embraces you, especially myself.

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

I will write to Miss Gagnerie.

<i>Oct 19</i> <i>Conference Servants: Hidden life and piety.</i>
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**1001**

**CO 999**

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

(I 75/181 VI 4)

*Paris, October 25, 1860*

Very dear Father,

Good Fr. Leroyer is happy to return to you. He misses his beautiful chapel and your beautiful adorations; so much the better! I'm convinced that he will have a new grace which is even more eucharistic for the service and greater glory of our Good Lord and Master.

Have the cells made on the second floor; it's time, the harvest is ripening, the adorers will come, we must stretch out our little tent a little. Our Good Master will pay for it; our Heavenly Father is the divine guarantor for his divine Son and if it were necessary, we would sell what we have for his service.

See also whether you might not be able to make a small room in the hall where the latrines were, next to the sacristy. This small room would be very useful for men's confessions, to receive a man privately, for a thousand things. You would only have some bricklaying to do, and a window for the exit door.

Fr. Leroyer is bringing Mr. Golliet's belongings; I didn't know they were in the house. Brother Charles had put them in a corner of his linen room.

As for the 30 francs, Rev. Mr. Meynier doesn't know about it; if he received it, he gave it to the lawyer. Besides, he told me that if these 30 francs are worth something, they must be used to pay the lawyer's fee.

I might add: we advanced 40 francs on Mr. Golliet's account for his proceedings. He had told me he would reimburse the house of Paris, and I haven't received anything.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

I advanced 50 francs to Fr. Leroyer for his trip to Marseilles and 14 francs for his trip to Angers. It's billed to divine Providence, but my poor purse is disappearing, and if our Good Master weren't so kind, I would be afraid for tomorrow.

Goodbye, dear Father, be happy, my love to all, Fathers and Brothers. I would also really like to see them soon.

All yours,  
Eymard, S.S.

P.S. Brother Michel is so happy to send you the jam he made, and Brother Charles his fruits, and we, all our hearts.

<i>Oct 26</i>	<i>Conference Servants: Sr. Philomena; holiness of our Lord, obscurity.</i>
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**1002**

**CO 1000**

**TO MR. ROSEMBERG AND FAMILY**  
(VII 3/9)

*Paris, October 26, 1860*

Very dear friends,

A brief greeting from the heart, and in honor of the divine Eucharist.

You are ever present to me at the feet of the adorable Host. I love to make a little crown with your whole family at the feet of the throne of the divine King.

I urged the fine Madame Fegely from Fribourg to see you, with her good daughters. Be a little like the Angel Raphael for them and show them the ruins of St. Martin's, St. Gatien's and St. Julian's. I would really like it if Madame de Lignac, that good dear Mother, would welcome them and pray for them.

Goodbye, dear friends,

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard, Superior

<i>Nov 2</i>	<i>Conference Servants: We must live the interior life of our Lord.</i>
<i>Nov 3</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Purity of life.</i>
<i>Nov 5</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Life of love, knowledge of love.</i>

**1003**

**CO 1001**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 76/181 VI 4)

*Paris, November 10, 1860*

Very dear Father,

I'm sending back to you my letter to the Bishop about Brother Carri. It made a tour of France and returned to me.

Your candles are ordered, Mr. Marziou advised. I'm waiting for his answer, which I hope will be favorable. His Gazomotor is keeping him busy, he is expecting immense profit from it.

Except for the cold, which is making everything freeze, things here are the same as usual.

Take care of yourself and please protect yourself against the cold.

I don't need to tell you how happy and joyful we will be to see you after such a long time.

Kind regards to all.

All yours,

Eymard, Sup.

<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Life of Jesus Christ in us. Humility, characteristic virtue.</i>
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Purpose of the redemption.</i>

**1004**

**CO 1002**

**TO MR. LOUIS PERRET**  
(VII 7/14)

*Paris, December 3, 1860*

Good and dear friend and brother in our Lord,

I am writing to acknowledge receiving your good letter and its contents for Masses.

Everyone was worried. They were afraid that you were ill; I was going to write to you. The poor and interesting blind person is waiting for you like the Messiah. Fr. de Cuers is here; he asks me to express his deepest friendship, and that he would have been happy to see you. - He must leave in about 10 days.

The ordination candidates, Brothers Carrie and Chanuet, will receive the four minor orders on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. They recommend themselves to your prayers.

I must go to preach the feast of the Epiphany at Marseilles. If I can stop in Lyons, I will be happy to come to see<sup>36</sup> you.

With great regrets for your absence, we praise God for it by seeing the good he is doing through you.

Yes, good and dear brother, do a great deal [of good], because there is so much evil being done. We are always happy here at the feet of our dear Master.

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<sup>36</sup> Literally: embrace.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

From time to time, give us your dear news.... Since we are all one, we must tell one another again from time to time.

Therefore, I am in our Lord,

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

**1005**

**CO 1003**

**TO MME. NATALIE JORDAN (NEE BRENIER DE MONTMORAND)**  
(VII 5/5 IV 75)

*Paris, December 6, 1860*

You do well to reproach me, because I was reproaching you first, believing that you owed me. But no, we are not bound by etiquette. It's true, a great sadness binds my hands - how could I not be sad to see the sky so dark and so stormy? - When we see Rome and the Father of the faithful persecuted and forsaken by his own, - having only the poor and the women on his side, and what is most surprising, that he is being blamed. Oh! wicked people and secret societies are victorious at this time; they frighten kings and catch them in their nets, and kings make promises as they did at Constantinople, like people acting in fear.

Our Holy Church is now very free from any royal patronage, she who has consecrated and defended kings. Not a single one comes to her side; their rule is to save their own skins. But David's second psalm will come to pass: "Quare fremuerunt gentes."<sup>37</sup> God is always God and Jesus Christ is and will always be King of Kings.

Here we never discontinue praying and imploring at the foot of the throne of mercy; it is our mission.

And you, dear Lady, what are you doing? We will surely meet on the path to Heaven and to Rome.

We must pray a great deal and reawaken our faith and trust.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception will save us, because the Immaculate Virgin has not yet rewarded the world for her feast day. I believe that Lyons will celebrate the 8th again this year as it is celebrated nowhere else, because Lyons is Mary's first city.

I will go to Marseilles from January 3 - 21. I will pass through Lyons to greet you as my eldest daughter. (If I am to say holy Mass at Ainay, I will write to tell you.)

Goodbye, see you soon.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

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<sup>37</sup>"Why do the nations fear?"

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 77/181 VI 4)

*Paris, December 26, 1860*

Very dear Father,

Thank you for your kind letter. How grateful we are to you for having given us news about yourself right away! We were all very worried about you.

Your departure was a great loss and a great sorrow. God wanted you to continue on the battlefield, where I will go to join you soon.

The day after your departure, I settled something quite natural and liturgical: it is that the lay people not serve at the altar when there are clerics. Consequently, our Masses are served by our acolytes, wearing surplices. Every morning, when I saw the lay clothing serving my Mass, I wanted to bring it to a stop. But when Mass was over, the thought would leave me; now it's settled.

I'm sending you the good news from Mr. de Benque. Let's praise our Lord for it. It's a real victory for those who love him. Our First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies were very edifying: 42 young men, 16 girls and others renewing.

It was all done in our chapel outside of the presbyterium, in order to safeguard the principles. The children filled half of the chapel. There were fewer lay people, but the rule was observed.

For Christmas, we had terrible weather, as is seldom seen: snow swirling all day. Surprisingly, all the churches were full.

My fondest regards to all. It's a real pleasure for me to go embrace them all, and you especially, dear Father.

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

P.S. I've just met Mr. de Villequiel. He asked me for news about you, and whether we would all go to Marseilles as a haven after our compulsory sale. This good man only counts by numbers, it seems. He is happy. Mother Superior is better and is working actively. Good news!

*Dec. 27 - Inauguration of the Guard of Honor in the Paris chapel.*

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SSS)**  
(I 78/181 VI 4)

COLLECTIVE LETTER TO THE FATHERS AND BROTHERS OF THE CENACLE AT  
MARSEILLES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

*Paris, December 31, 1860*

Very dear Fathers and Brothers in our Lord,

May you be blessed during this New Year which God's grace opens before us for the greater glory of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! May it truly be a eucharistic year for everyone. That is, may it help us become good religious adorers.

We have a beautiful place in the kingdom of God, dear Brothers. It is the best one, the holiest one of all, since we possess the kingdom of God fully in the Divine Eucharist. So then, there is nothing to envy in other religious Orders, except their holiness, in order to serve our divine King better.

Their privileges, glory and distinctions shouldn't be a cause of envy for us. The God of the Eucharist is our only glory, law and dignity on earth!

Oh! Very dear Brothers, if the heavenly court could, it would envy us. We are the royal Guard of the Savior of the world, his family of love!

But to respond to so many graces and so much honor, let us always be good religious of the Blessed Sacrament.

Let us always be faithful to these four fundamental points:

1. May the Divine Eucharist be the only purpose of our lives. Consequently, may the service of adoration be the royal service, to which everything else is subordinated and which everything else respects.

2. For eucharistic worship, total and absolute obedience to the liturgical rules of Holy Church.

3. May truth be the unchangeable and inflexible rule in our relationships and actions.

4. Let nothing be done outside the common Rule: consequently, no exceptions, nor favors from the world.

With these four foundations of a truly eucharistic spirit, our little Society will be great before God and powerful over all.

Let us never stray from this, if we want to prosper in the service of Jesus Christ and accomplish greater good in God's Church.

Thank you, very dear Brothers, for your wishes which were so heartfelt and filled with such good will.

Thank you for your kind and heartfelt brotherhood towards everyone.

In a few days, I will personally bring very fond wishes to you from all your Brothers in Paris.

I will be happy to come to see you, and to embrace you in our Lord, in whom I am, very dear Brothers,

All yours,

Eymard, Superior S.S.

P.S. I expect to arrive there Friday night around 7:00. The four Angels have been purchased.

**TO MILES. MARIANNE EYMARD AND NANETTE BERNARD**  
(III 117/145 VI 10)

*Paris, December 31, 1860*

Very dear sisters,

I am writing to wish you a happy New Year as I have done since my childhood, adding, however, one more grace, that of our holy and lovely vocation.<sup>38</sup>

Yes, may this new year which God is offering us in his divine goodness be a good and eucharistic one! It may be the last one, may it be the best of all!

Let us really love our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, dear sisters. Let us serve him even better. Let us go visit him every day with greater fervor and piety, doing everything to please him, doing everything for his love. Then this year will be the royal year of our lives.

Dear sisters, I don't need to tell you that I am praying constantly for you, what I ask for myself I ask for you; it is so natural!

Return these wishes to me at the foot of the holy Altars, especially at our Good Mother's altar and I will be happy.

I am leaving for Marseilles January 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will stay two weeks, and if I should have three days at my disposal when I return, I will go see you, but only for twenty-four hours. I must be here at the end of the month for a clothing ceremony.

I am well, so are the Ladies. It will be a great consolation for me to go see you, good sisters. It will be a little flower in this poor life of sorrows.

I will see you soon then, if the good Master so wishes.

Your brother,  
Eymard, S.S.S.

Miss Marianne Eymard  
rue du Breuil  
La Mure d'Isere

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE**  
(IV 28/104)

*Paris, December 31, 1860*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

There has been such a long silence between Paris and Nantes! Nantes is waiting, and I still don't have anything. Paris is waiting, and I don't receive anything even from Nantes.

Are you ill? or are you waiting? I am on the point of leaving for Marseilles on January 3<sup>rd</sup> (rue Nau, 7). I'll stay about two weeks. I'll visit our house and speak a little about the divine Eucharist in that land of fire.

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<sup>38</sup> His New Year's wishes include the prospect of their coming to join him in his eucharistic vocation.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

When will I go to do as much in Nantes? I am very sad about your news.

Are you upset?<sup>39</sup>

I wish you a year that belongs to God, is totally God's, totally given to the holy Eucharist, our only path against our enemies.

I don't know whether it is a beautiful dream, but it seems to me that God will forgive us and he will bless<sup>40</sup> us for the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. He will be the one to do everything: so then, to him be all the glory.

Please present your kind sister my respectful greetings and tell her to maintain hope.

Believe me in our Lord,

Dear Lady,  
All yours,  
Eymard, SS

**1010**

**CO 1008**

**TO MISS JENNY GAUDIOZ**

(VII 3/3)

*Paris, December 31, 1860*

Dear Sister in our Lord,<sup>41</sup>

I am really late with you, to thank you for your good letters and rejoice with you for the signal grace of your vocation and clothing day. That pleased me greatly, and it will even more so when you receive the full and perpetual grace, that of religious Profession. Dear Sister, you have the better part, you unite the two lives of Jesus, the two hands of love, the two graces of perfection. May God be praised and thanked a thousand times!

As God always wants to complete nobly what his kindness has begun, trust in the future. Besides, you have nothing more to wish for, you have the Eucharist and the Cenacle, the Apostolate and Love.

Therefore, be faithful to this good beloved grace; grow in humility, in the death of Jesus, to reach the opening to his divine heart. His heart opens only to the extent of our death to self. The spear which will open this heart of love is a spear like the one of St. Theresa, of St. Julienne, which wounds the heart of Jesus and opens it in order to be able to enter into it; may it be your dwelling!

In fact, dear Sister, I must go to Marseilles for January 6<sup>th</sup>. I hope to stop in Lyons and go see you, as well as your dear Mother [Superior], whom I do not forget, as well as her whole community.

My deepest expressions of friendship to your dear parents, whom I love with all my heart and please convey to them my best wishes and expressions of dedication.

Dear Sister in our Lord, I remain,

All yours,  
Eymard, Sup.

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<sup>39</sup> Perhaps, the failure or delay of their hopes for a foundation in Nantes.

<sup>40</sup> Literally: repay.

<sup>41</sup> Niece of Marguerite Guillot.

**1011**

**CO 997**

**TO MME. FRANCHET**  
(VII 33/33)<sup>42</sup>

Dear Madame,

I am writing quickly to tell you that your dear son's plan was unknown to me. You are the one who is telling me about it. Consequently it is quite new. It needs study. Prayer and advice will not be lacking. As for me, I don't know what God wants from Charles, or from you in this circumstance, but I will begin by saying no. I hope that he will be received, for he has done such lovely drawing. He is still very devout, responsible and very simple, in a word, worthy of you, dear mother.

My respects to Mr. Franchet. I only have time to say that I am,

All yours,  
Eymard

**1012**

**CO 1010**

**TO MR. LOUIS PERRET**  
(VII 11/14)<sup>43</sup>

Dear Mr. Perret,<sup>44</sup>

We do miss you here for the holidays! I am writing to offer you my wishes from afar in the hope of greeting you when I pass through Lyons, on my return from Marseilles where I will spend about two weeks. I am leaving next Thursday or Friday.

If I could have two hours free, I would go to greet you, but I am afraid I will not.

So then, receive from everyone here our sentiments of deepest and most devoted friendship, especially from

Your loving servant,  
Eymard, Superior

<i>Jan 1-6      Retreat preached to the public in Marseilles for the Feast of the Epiphany.</i>
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<sup>42</sup> No date, on the railroad.

<sup>43</sup> Architect in Lyons.

<sup>44</sup> This was written at the end of a letter by Father Carri, dated December 1st, 1861; but the content of this letter indicates that it was written January 1, 1861 (Father Troussier). The letter of Fr. Carri which relates the celebration of First Communion day is Appendix III of this Volume.

**1013**

**CO 1011**

**TO FR. CYR AMAND CHAMPION**  
(I 3/5)

*Marseilles, January 19, 1861<sup>45</sup>*

Dear Father,

Thank you for your letter and the good news it contained. Is it possible that Michel forgot the ticket? Look in the book again. Besides, he is lying when he says that I am the one who put it in the drawer. I gave it to him personally. I assure you that I feel relieved about it all, because even with all his qualities he often made me suffer, etc.

Everything is fine here. The Octave was magnificent and followed with much enthusiasm and piety.

Our Lord recruited a good priest for himself: Fr. Daspres. He would have come with me, if he could have obtained his permission right away, but the Bishop is very sick at this time.<sup>46</sup> There is fear about his condition. He had a heart problem that required an operation, and the wound is not healing. His lungs may be affected...

For the last three days, I have had a bad cold. Impossible for me to leave. However, as soon as the cough quiets down, I will hurry to return. I expect to stop a little in Lyons.

My best regards to all.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

Rev. Fr. Champion  
Religious of the Blessed Sacrament  
rue Faubourg St. Jacques, 68  
Paris

**1014**

**CO 1012**

**TO MISS MARGUERITE GUILLOT (MOTHER MARGUERITE DU SS)**  
(II 204/395 VI 2)

*Miss Guillot*

*Marseilles, January 19, 1861*

Dear daughter in our Lord,

I am sending you Sister Maria's letter, read it. Everyone here is unanimous to say that she cannot remain in that state.

I've had a bad cold for three days, that is what is delaying my departure. But, as I said, I hope to be back before February.

The retreat was well attended and our Lord really sustained me, because I wasn't tired.

I found a few good vocations being prepared here.

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<sup>45</sup> Although published as 1860, the place of origin (Marseilles) indicates this letter was written in 1861. (Ed.)

<sup>46</sup> Bishop de Mazenod of Marseilles.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

The question of Miss Gagnerie will stay at that, I hope. I made a final decision. I saw Miss Dalaca in Toulon as well as the two sisters, everything is going well. Miss Vidal is growing in her vocation. I found her very fine, but her business matters aren't settled yet. If it's too cold, and if my cold isn't better, I will not go to see my sister.

If you need to write to me, do so at your sister's place in Lyons.

I will still stop there on the way.

Goodbye, dear daughter, my blessing to everyone with all my heart in our Lord.

Eymard

Sister B. should behave and pray a lot for my trip so that everything may be for the glory of God.

**1015**

**CO 1013**

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE**  
(IV 29/104)

*Paris, February 12, 1861*

Madame and dear sister in our Lord,

I have been here in Paris since February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have no plans to travel. If I need to leave after Easter, I'll write to tell you. I would surely be so happy to help your dear soul which is so loved by God.

I'm always waiting for the grace from Rome. I'm hoping to receive it through Msgr. Fiaromonti, to whom I wrote from Marseilles, as the first person failed me.

I'm returning your precious petition to you. So, dear Lady, you are still sick!! This is your retreat with Jesus in the Garden of Olives, the purification of your soul.

Know how to find Jesus on the cross and even better, to stay with him at his feet. We are well wherever divine love places us, but we need to be there as God wills.

Go to our Lord through your heart and with surrender. That is the royal path of the Eucharist, shorter, sweeter, worth more than all the others.

Goodbye, dear daughter and sister in our Lord. May Jesus bless you.

My respectful and devoted regards to your good sister.

All yours in our Lord,

Eymard, Superior

**1016**

**CO 1015**

**TO MME. CAMILLE CHANUET NEE CROZET (SR. CAMILLE DU SS)**  
(VII 6/17)

*[Paris], Wednesday, February 14, 1861*

Mme. Chanuet, mother

Dear Mother,

I am writing you a brief greeting from the heart. I thank you for your kind welcome, your Providential help. I only received your kind letter of invitation here, but I know now and in the future that I have a family, and a leading family in Lyons. Brother Michel is fine. He is preparing for the sub-deaconate on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pray for him. When he is sleeping or not praying enough, his Angel wakes him up saying: Michel! Michel! - Everything is the same here.

I only have time to say that I am, dear Mother,

All yours,  
Eymard

**1017**

**CO 1014**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SS)**  
(I 79/181 VI 4)

*Thursday morning, February 14, 1861<sup>47</sup>*

Very dear Father,

Heartfelt greetings.

I am still waiting for the dimissorial letter from Nantes, in spite of the fact that I had written immediately. Truth becomes justice (of mercy).

There is much flu in Paris, we have some here. Brother Eugene has had it for a week, and I have had it a little. It makes me lazy, especially for writing!

The rest goes on!

The ordination of the three Minors to the Subdeaconate, February 23: pray. - Thank you for the cash box. I will write you a long letter shortly.

Regards from everyone, especially from yours devotedly,

Eymard

Rev. Fr. de Cuers  
Superior of the religious of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
7 rue Nau  
Marseilles

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<sup>47</sup> The 14<sup>th</sup> and not the 15<sup>th</sup>. In 1861, the 15<sup>th</sup> was a Friday. (Troussier.)

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SS)**  
(I 80/181 VI 4)

*Paris, February 19, 1861*

Very dear Father,

This is the second letter I am sending you. You didn't receive the first one yet, due to a mistake in how I sent it. Since I have arrived here, so many things have happened!

1. Brother Eugene was sick. -- He went back to his usual schedule yesterday. I was afraid of pneumonia. Fortunately, it only seemed so.

2. Our second cook almost left, because of temptations against his vocation. Today he is back to work. It's just that he didn't dare be honest, or that rather, he was afraid to be sent away if he were too honest.

3. The priest from Rennes who had offered to come has just been refused. He runs from one community to another, and is extremely scrupulous.

4. Arras has come back with its request, offering us a foundation for next March 19 under the name of "Work of Expiation." I've just told them that we can't accept with these two conditions.

5. Our small ordinary expenses are getting paid. In Lyons, a kind person gave me a deposit for 500 francs without interest. It was a providential gift, together with an alms given to me by one of my penitents. It paid for the two months due. Brother Chanuet donated toward this, but the taxes are pursuing us closely! Praised be divine Providence!

6. We were offered both the house and land of the Patronage of the Ramoneurs, on rue des Fourneaux, with the two brothers' school. We refused, as we should.

7. A friend came to tell us about a piece of land that is being sold cheaply, 29 francs per meter (the lowest possible price, impossible to find). There are 7000 meters. It is on rue Notre Dame des Champs. It is that large deep garden, near the beginning of the street.

There would be enough for both branches,<sup>48</sup> the church in the middle with all the necessary conditions. This friend is the head engineer for the city. He could help us sell to the city, either on friendly terms or by jury. He is already proposing to offer it to the Prefect. Mr. Deschamps, whom he saw, told him to get the estimate, and propose a price to headquarters. He was told that the boulevard is a sure thing and that the Prefect holds to it. It seems to me that Providence is coming to our help. We were offered the land. This friend is offering to do the spade work, to direct our affairs at headquarters. He is afraid that a long delay would make us lose that land. What do you think? I am going to get an estimate on it and prepare my letter for the Prefect. They say we aren't risking anything. If the offer isn't good enough, we'll refuse it. I am told they would give us time to build, that would be a big undertaking which makes me perspire already.

8. The Bishop of Nantes has just written to tell me that he will give the dimissorial letter to Brother Martin only under two conditions:

1. That his vows be perpetual;

2. That he commit himself in writing never to seek ministry in the Diocese of Nantes.

His Excellency writes that as soon as he receives this document, he will send the dimissorial letter. Please tell Brother Martin. However, since the matter is so urgent, and as the documents wouldn't arrive in time for the ordination next Saturday, his ordination will be put off until Saturday of Passion Week. He will prepare himself well for it.

9. The practice of the universal Church for at least two centuries, according to Fr. Champion, has been to allow eggs, milk products and cheese on fast days and during Lent. So you are two-and-a-half centuries behind! Consequently, no alms need to be paid.

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<sup>48</sup> Men and women.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

I only have time to embrace you. Forgive Brother Martin, while showing him his fault. God has already imposed a penance upon him.

All and always,  
Eymard

**1019**

**CO 1017**

**TO MISS VIRGINIE DANION (SR. ANNE DE JESUS/SR. MARIE OF THE  
BL. SACRAMENT)**  
(IV 11/36)

*Paris, February 26, 1861<sup>49</sup>*

Dear sister in our Lord,

Fr. Champion informed you that we received your Masses, but he cannot replace my heart for your Work and my desire to serve it. Therefore, I am continuing your Masses of thanksgiving, on Tuesday at 6:00, like today. This remembrance is fed at the holy Altar, and extends to you and your beautiful Work. May God bless it! It's truly pleasing to his heart, because there are so many beggars and so few grateful people! Then also, devout people and many priests think so rarely about the God of the Eucharist! Oh! How heart-wrenching! How many make it a profession! In search of respect and vanity! So few are those who draw from the gifts and benefits of loving the Lord Jesus!

I know that storms are on their way. I can see arrows soaked in the divine blood which is forsaken and forgotten. I see the cup of merciful justice becoming full. How sad! Everyone is looking at Italy, Rome and evil people! And no one thinks of beginning with a personal act of reparation. Courage! Dear sister Anne of the most Blessed Sacrament,<sup>50</sup> you must be multiplied a hundred times and given the responsibility of reparation for a thousand bad ministers.

Thank good Fr. Levoyer for me. His Masses really help us, or rather give honor to our great King. When he has some in surplus, would he kindly save them for me? We don't receive any in Paris, since we are known only by those who are poor and in need.

Yes, I pray for your sister. I bless the death of a just one! Blessed are those who die in the love of the Lord. It does one so much good to hear about the flight of the Elect!

Goodbye, dear sister, speak to me more often, especially at the feet of our Good Master.

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

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<sup>49</sup>February 26 or 2<sup>nd</sup>. Troussier.

<sup>50</sup> Her name when she was a Reparatrix sister.

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SS)**  
(I 81/181 VI 4)

Paris, February 28, 1861

Very dear Father,

I am getting an early morning start to answer your letter of February 21<sup>st</sup>.

1. About the land at Notre Dame des Champs. Nothing has been done, we are in dialogue. Everyone says that 29 francs per meter is cheap. We visited the catacombs, they are in good condition for building. The embankment would not expose them; the architect tells me that this embankment would just about make up for the additional expenses for the foundations. Besides, it wouldn't be necessary to shore up the garden on the west side, that is, two or three thousand meters. This is the shape: from 80 to 83 meters street frontage. If we put the chapel in the middle and kept the garden, we could either sell or build on the rest on rue Notre Dame des Champs. They say this would be a good thing. It would assure an income, or pay for most of the land purchased.

As for the purchase, we have competitors. However, we asked for time to study it first and know whether the city would be willing to buy our land now (which I requested), and for how much. I am told that this is a favorable time. Then, the head engineer for the city, that devout friend who so badly wants to have us near him, knows all these people and he is at the headquarters.

So I can't tell you anything else, except that we are praying very much, we are studying it, we will do all the necessary research to see the reasons for and against.

The reason why this land only costs 29 francs is that the street hasn't been changed yet. The owner wants to sell everything at once. Since there is no opening on the west street, there is too much land for a single owner. But we could have a passage, which wouldn't be expensive. The engineer told me, however, that we ought to let the neighbors come to us. They would desire nothing better than to see such a passageway be opened.

2. The affair of Nantes doesn't have a dark or dishonoring aspect for us. It was always agreed with the Bishop that the vows would be the condition of the dimissorial letter, because His Excellency didn't think that Mr. Martin would do in a parish, because of his unpleasant voice, his appearance; then he did not succeed in teaching, and there were problems...

Fr. Richard, the Vicar General, added in the presence of the Bishop that Mr. Martin was not guilty. He was sure he didn't deserve the initial suspicions held against him. His behavior seemed fine to him; on these grounds we tried him out and received him. The Bishop didn't speak to me about that writing, and I was told that he doesn't like to see religious return. There have already been others, and he has been strict on this point, because it creates a bad impression in his diocese which is so devout.

3. About eggs and milk products. You may use them without any other dispensation. Rome tells you so, since this law has fallen into disuse even in Rome. There are no dispensations given there, no alms, it has become universal custom. So you can refer to general custom. Fr. Champion says that a Bishop cannot deprive me of a general good granted by the Church. -- But Marseilles requires a dispensation to be given and alms to be offered? -- The answer is that sometime ago, among the precepts of the Church, there was a tithe, and still today: vigils, fasts, etc. In short, you can refer to general custom, give an alms of 50 centimes to the diocese; and retain the glory of the "*sine privilegio*" (no privileges).

Our ordination was beautiful. Now, find out whether there will be an ordination at Marseilles on Passion Saturday, February 16. Fr. Ngre will be ordained in Toulon that day. We could send him there, and then I will have the dimissorial letter done in the name of the Bishop of Frjus.

I have time only to embrace you fondly in our Lord.

Eymard, S.S.

<i>Mar</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Thanksgiving.</i>
<i>Mar 4</i>	<i>Retreat Servants: Gratitude and fidelity.</i>

## 1021

CO 1019

**TO COUNTESS ADELE DE REVEL DE NESC**  
(VIII 25/26 VII 17)

(L & S)

*Paris, March 10, 1861*

Mademoiselle and dear sister,

I am sending you the result of the steps taken regarding Thevenet. Mr. Faure, my friend, who did the work, is a most conscientious and sensible man - having worked for the Welfare Office.

No news, except black clouds, and worry by all decent folk.

The wicked triumph. They have strength, money and daring on their side.

We must remain at the feet of our Lord.

I have time only to say, dear Mademoiselle, that I am, as always,

All yours,  
Eymard

## 1022

CO 1020

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SS)**  
(I 82/181 VI 4)

*Paris, March 11, 1861*

Dear and kind Father,

I received your dear letter and its contents. Everything will be faithfully fulfilled.

Truly! The devil of theft is after us! I think that the daughter has to imitate the mother.<sup>51</sup> There is nothing to gain with thieves, you did well to bring it to a close; but you have to go to Aix! Oh! we should be used to it by now!

I am waiting to be called before the justice of the peace. I wrote to Michel about it. He may pay dearly, as he will have to give an explanation for that note for 500 francs. May God help us!

The status quo of our house under compulsory sale could take two, four or six years, if the city doesn't meet our hopes. Sometimes that saddens me, because our chapel cannot remain like this. Let's wait for God's time.

Is this a door for Lyons? I believe so. I've just received a letter from a holy priest I know,<sup>52</sup> I like it, I like the Work of First Communions. It's the royal Work of the Eucharistic wedding. In Lyons it would be beautiful! We need a work to go together with adoration.

What do you think of that letter? I still haven't told anyone anything.

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<sup>51</sup> Marseilles was robbed as Paris had been.

<sup>52</sup> Fr. Chevrier of the Prado.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

Our new cook left us, because he didn't know what to say at adoration, and he couldn't get up like the Community. When he told me that, I told him that he wasn't in the right place, and that we don't keep strangers.

Brother Charles is working in the kitchen, and so am I. They liked my cooking very much; I forgot to put salt in the soup.

We have an aspirant who is a good adorer.

Thank good Fr. Leroyer. I will include the "Eucharistic Weeks" in the Manual, it's progressing. I am working like a Trojan.

My intention would be to give a little white cord as an insignia and sign of the Aggregation. What do you think? And what does Fr. Leroyer think of it? The cord is symbolic and is in the spirit of the Church.

You tell me nothing about the dimissorial letter. Has the Bishop not sent it yet? Write to me right away. If there is a delay, we still have time.

I am wholeheartedly yours, dear Father,

Eymard

P.S. Arras has asked again with the same conditions as on May 1st, and I answered: "*Sint ut sunt, aut non sint.*"<sup>53</sup> No concessions!

**1023**

**CO 1021**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SS)**  
(I 83/181 VI 4)

*Paris, March 14, 1861*

Very dear Father,

Thank you for your Brother Paul, our kitchen is functioning well. Brother Charles does very well, I am no longer cook. The second brother seems to be doing well, and we will be able to use him as a cook if we need to.

I will require the brothers who are here to learn to cook a little, in order to be helpful, if needed.

The white cord which I mentioned to you would be the insignia of the Aggregation. However, they would not be obliged to wear it, as a condition of belonging. I like the white cord.

I'm writing to Lyons and I'll see what will come of it. First of all I am asking Fr. Chevrier to see the Cardinal and tell him about his plans, and to show him my letter, if need be.

If God wants us there, the Authority will say: Come. That would be the first sign.

I will write to you soon about Brother Martin.

I have time only to embrace you in Christ,

Eymard

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<sup>53</sup>"Let them be as they are, or not at all."

**TO MME. ANTOINETTE DE GRANDVILLE**  
(IV 30/104)

*Paris, March 20, 1861*

Dear Lady and dear sister in our Lord,

Monday, I received the answer from Rome. It is negative.<sup>54</sup>

Msgr. Fiaramonti did all that he could to obtain it, there was no way. - Couldn't your Bishop grant you what I see so many others grant? I really am sorry that I couldn't do so myself.

Not to forget, I must tell you first of all, that I really don't know when I will give a retreat to the Ladies here. I'll let you know when it will be. -For the written retreat, I promise it to you, but I need to correct it, and I didn't have time. I'll get to it right after Easter.

Now about you, dear daughter. If I were at Nantes, or if you were here, I would scold you often, even daily. It isn't wise for you to think of giving up daily Communion. That's all you need! Where would you find your food? your center? your grace? even your virtue? Please, a very bad idea! You're becoming feverish again. Worry is taking over and your good confessor should chase you out of the confessional to receive you there only once a week.

Dear daughter, you must absolutely correct that servile fear [that resides] in your conscience. There may also be a physical cause, and then you let the cloud of past worries enter in.

Trust me. Never examine whether you should receive Communion or not, in between your ordinary confessions. Consider Holy Communion as a merciful invitation from our good Master. You shouldn't leave an empty place at Jesus' table.

Whatever your sins may be in the interval, go forward! You can gather them all up on your confession day, like we gather dust in a room when we are cleaning it.

Put aside all that poor fasting! You cannot nor should not fast! Better if we tell you: don't fast, and everything is said.

Yes, yes, I would like to see you follow a more perfect and full obedience. It would make you very happy; but our Lord would need to find a special convent for you from his own hand. In the meantime, be a disciple of obedience to passing graces, to the grace of the moment, to the needs of our sickly and suffering condition. That is all very good; but the heart! The heart! Let it remain free, beating always for its divine Master. Be a bit more concerned about Jesus, your God and King, and less about your spiritual beauty, he will be happier and so will I.

Please dear daughter! Write me soon that you are doing as I wish. I bless you with all my heart in our Lord in whom I am,

All yours,  
Eymard, S.

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<sup>54</sup> Permission requested to keep the Blessed Sacrament at home.

**TO MISS VIRGINIE DANION (SR. ANNE DE JESUS/SR. MARIE OF THE  
BL. SACRAMENT)**  
(IV 12/36)

*Paris, March 20, 1861*

Very dear sister in our Lord,

Since I'm not sure whether I answered your last letter of March 9<sup>th</sup>, with the Mass stipends, I'm writing to take the safer and most proper course.

Your 77 Masses are being said continuously. Fr. Champion and another priest are saying them.

I reserved your Masses of thanksgiving for myself. I was only too happy to pray for a Work which we share in the love of our dear Master, and also your three personal Masses.

Once again, thank kind and dear Fr. Levoyer for me. I am so grateful to him for his charity toward us! Yes, yes, we will be just as grateful to receive the stipends of one franc. Well, dear sister, there is enough [happening] to fulfill our eucharistic goals, especially reparation.

Oh! You are so right, evil is coming from higher places, especially from the sanctuary. While we were sleeping, evil men sowed the bad seed, set passions on fire, and now it's a conflagration which can only be extinguished by water from a flood of graces, with ashes and with a hair shirt. Oh! How resourceful hell is! How powerful is the demon of darkness! It almost seems like the beginning of the victory of the Antichrist. What is horrible and appalling is the lack of public courage on the part of Catholics who flow with this stream of error and wickedness, or at least keep silent or cry out: Peace! Peace!

Peace consists in justice and truth; they don't want it.

Your wish is mine, dear sister, but you are so far away! Then also, one's duty is local. I'm convinced that, if God so wills, what seems like a difficulty will not be one.

When the number of members in your Work is numerous enough, you can invite me to give you a eucharistic retreat; and if I am able to do so, it would be a sign of God's will. Pray very much for us, dear sister, because we are in the midst of important tasks.

I leave you at the feet of my divine King, in whom I am

All yours,

Eymard, Superior

**1026**

**CO 1024**

**TO COUNTESS FEGELY DE VIVY**

(V 1/3)<sup>55</sup>

*Paris, rue du Faubourg St. Jacques 68, Mar. 20, 1861*

Madame Countess,

I am so late with you! I spent a long time in Marseilles, and your letter stayed here. I was also ill because of the flu; but that is nothing compared to your sorrows and anguish, dear fine Lady! Oh! Oh! The cross never leaves you! And yet, you belong entirely to God and his good service.

So it seems that our Good Lord and Master was looking for some generous and strong soul to help him to save our poor society once again, and so he stopped a little at your house with his cross. However that did move me deeply for your sake and we are praying so that this heavy cross may blossom and be for you, with so many others, a generous spiritual and temporal blessing.

I do miss you in Paris. Your kindness had accustomed me to seeing you very simply. Why is Fribourg so far? I would have paid you a visit from the heart, and also from dedication.

I hope that your fine daughter, Miss Aloysia, is much better; that the country, her lovely house, the beautiful countryside have brought back her natural joy. Please say a word to her for me, as well as to good Miss Marie, whom I also present daily with you all to Jesus, the host of love and grace.

Dear mother, when you have a few moments, write me a little note. It would be a great charity. Please believe me ever in our Lord, good and dear Lady,

All yours,  
Eymard, Superior

<i>Mar 21      Retreat Servants: Superior and inferior parts of the soul; loss of time.</i>
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**1027**

**CO 1025**

**TO BROTHER MARIE RATONS, SSS**

(VI 1/7)

*Paris, March 20, 1861*

My dear son,<sup>56</sup>

I am pleased to see that your desire to belong wholly to the Blessed Sacrament is fervent and persevering; that you truly appreciate this grace. Continue to be patient and your time will come.

Always remain very pure, for to serve the King of Kings, our Lord Jesus Christ, we would need to be Angels - take care to avoid sin, especially whatever might offend holy modesty. Be always devout towards our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and toward his divine Mother. If you wish to hasten [the date of] your entry, speak to our good and glorious St Joseph - he is the all-powerful protector - he is the first and most perfect adorer of Jesus.

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<sup>55</sup> Rue de la Prefecture, 28 Fribourg, (Switzerland) and to Miss Marie, one of her daughters.

<sup>56</sup> Literally: dear child.

Be confident, my dear child. What God has initiated will reappear<sup>57</sup>; the devil who was jealous of your happiness and your salvation tried to harm you, but he will be vanquished, and what happened in Marseilles will only serve to make you appreciate your vocation better and make you more worthy of it. Write to me now and then: I am always pleased to have news about you and to read your letters.

My regards to your good, devout parents. You are indeed fortunate, dear child, to have such good parents - listen to them and obey them as Jesus obeyed Mary and Joseph.

I bless you with all my heart.

Eymard, Superior

**1028**

**CO 1026**

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

(I 84/181 VI 4)

*Paris, March 23, 1861*

Good and dear Father,

I am sending you my letter for Brother Martin, read it, and give it to him sealed, if his was given to you sealed; or do as you think best. If he should take it badly, write and tell me, then I would use a different approach. It may be a bit strong, but we must take advantage of the moment.

I really liked the letter from that seminarian. It seems to me that there is reason to hope in that vocation.

Here is the bill for your candles: 1108 francs. The next time we will send you the other bills.

Brother Henry is the happiest of men, he is and will be a good religious.

Brother Chanuet is under our Lord's banner. He belongs totally to his Good Master. He has given himself fully, he will be the saint of our times.

We are expecting a priest-novice around the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. He is the one whose letter I had read to you. I refused a scrupulous priest who would become a problem and a burden.

Michel is doing nothing, saying nothing. He will keep quiet because of my threat to push things further.

Nothing from Lyons. We must always enter through the door of Authority. It is the royal road of the Eucharist and the *in hoc signo vinces*.<sup>58</sup>

The city will accept the compulsory sale beforehand. The documents and the estimate are being prepared; we are waiting. Our Good Master sent me Adolph (a former servant). I took him on a daily basis to teach our two brothers how to cook. He is happy and so are we, he loves you very much. Finally, he is asking to be a religious; I will try him. He asked me a hundred times to go to be with you.

Goodbye, good and dear Fathers. A thousand and one Easter wishes to you all, Fathers and Brothers.

All yours in our Lord,  
Eymard

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<sup>57</sup> Brother Marie reentered in October 1861; he had been with Fr. de Cuers in 1858 and had left.

<sup>58</sup> "By this sign you shall conquer."

**1029**

**CO 1027**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SS)**  
(I 85/181 VI 4)

*Paris, April 13, 1861*

Very dear Father,

I have had the worst flu since Monday. I cannot even make my adorations. However, I was able to say Holy Mass every day. I think it will last a few more days, if God so wills.

In a few days, they will tell me how much the design and impression for your medals will cost. I had a thought, let us put Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament on the reverse side of the medal, represented as follows: the Blessed Virgin holding the Child Jesus before her, the Child Jesus holding a ciborium in one hand and a host in the other. They say this idea is new and fine, what do you think of it? We would put the names of the separate categories around it.

I think nothing [further] will happen for a while about the compulsory sale. I'll tell you more about it.

I no longer have the courage to write to Fr. Martin about the trip to his family. My feeling is that he shouldn't go, but simply thank them. It is neither the right time nor the right occasion. We had difficulties with the Bishop of Nantes, it would look like a small victory.

Goodbye. I embrace you.

All yours,  
Eymard

**1030**

**CO 1028**

**TO MILES. MARIANNE EYMARD AND NANETTE BERNARD**  
(III 118/145 VI 10)

*Paris, April 14, 1861*

Very dear sisters,

Excuse me if I haven't written you yet, I have been so burdened with business. Then since Tuesday, I have had a cold which has kept me at home without, however, missing saying Holy Mass.

First of all, let me tell you that you will have a magnificent banner. I dare say that I doubt whether there is a more beautiful one in La Mure. It will cost you two hundred and twenty francs. The subject is the emblem of Mary on one side, embroidered in semi-fine gold; on the other side will be a decor of Mary. It will have what is needed to display it.

I still do not have any news for Madame Seymat and Madame Julie. At this moment there is much work in Paris, and the men at the Ministries are so busy with current affairs and preparations, that we are continually told: wait a little longer. That is all I can say to those fine ladies whom I would be so happy to oblige. Assure them that I am following up their affair, but at this moment a strong hand would be needed at the prefecture of Grenoble in favor of Miss Seymat.

Don't let yourself be too alarmed by all the appalling news which is circulating. God is here, the Blessed Virgin is protecting us, Jesus is always with his Church. God's glory alone will emerge from this conflict.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

Goodbye, good sisters, continue to love our Lord well and his holy Mother. Stay at the feet of the Blessed Sacrament like the angels, and let the world be agitated like straw in a whirlwind.

All yours in our Lord,  
Your brother,  
Eymard, Sup.

Miss Marianne Eymard  
rue du Breuil  
La Mure d'Isere

**1031**

**CO 1029**

**TO COUNT JEAN RAYMOND DE CUERS (FR. DE CUERS SS)**  
(I 86/181 VI 4)

*Paris, April 21, 1861*

Very dear Father,

I am much better and I was able to return to my service [of adoration] last Thursday. I still feel some discomfort in the morning; but it's nothing. It's only one-fifth of [what] a migraine headache [is like]. I took my turn to preach: that proves to you that I'm better.

I'm sending you the bill from Mr. Picard. Thank you for all the money you sent us, or rather which the Good Lord is sending us through you. It came at the right time.

Your medal is being struck, and it won't be very expensive, it will be well done. I had the tiara replaced with the royal crown, it does look better.

For the reverse side, I will have them reproduce them like those you sent me for the three groups. The JHS might appear a bit small (the original had an IHS surmounted with a radiant host). It might look right in the middle. Your silence will indicate that we should let them follow the first plan.

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Design, Monstrance, etc.	fr. 75
Die cast	“ 12
Three dies with writing for reverse side	“ <u>36</u>
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PRICE FOR THE MEDALS

No. 8 - silver, the 12<sup>th</sup>, 27 - the medal 2, 25

white or yellow copper: Large, 10 francs -- the medal 0.0694

I would like to send you a brother, if I could. I can sense how alone you will be, unless the Good Master has already replaced the deserter.

I was sorry to learn about the disappointment of Fr. Daspres. He wrote to me today, alas! God doesn't want those who are fearful or hesitant.

We have a priest here as a retreatant and postulant, he is 28 years old, a former marshal of the lodges. He seems fine. However, we must wait to make a good judgment: at first glance, he seems fine, and is pleasant.

*Spreading the Eucharistic Fire I*

Nothing from Lyons. It seems that some difficulties have emerged. I haven't received anything for a long time; let's wait and pray; besides, our personnel aren't ready yet.

Nothing new in the Ministerial Bulletin about Congregations. It's only a shot to frighten people, I think; some say it's only against foreigners.

The Lord of Paradise will know how to take care of Himself.

Goodbye, good Fathers and dear Brothers.

All yours,  
Eymard, S.S.

*Apr 25 - Visit to Lyons to see the work of the Prado and meet its director, Father Chevrier.*