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TO THE
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REV. FATHERS AND DEAR CHILDREN IN CHRIST:

After three long months of painful suspense, your pious prayers, and especially the powerful intercession of our saintly friend, Mr. Dupont, *the Holy Man of Tours*, have obtained, if not yet a complete restoration of our dear and venerated F. Champeau's health, at last such a sensible amendment as to remove all apprehensions, and to change our sad forebodings into confidence and joyful thanks. We all look upon the event as one little short of an undeniable miracle.

Hitherto, we found it impossible to hold a General Council; and thus, we postponed, from week to week, to announce the General Chapter. Finally we deliberated this afternoon upon this important subject, and we came to the conclusion to hold it here at the Mother House, and we fixed its opening for the 18th of April next, on the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, our glorious Patron. In order to secure the blessings of Heaven upon the labors of the solemn assembly, we desire that, in all the Houses of the Congregation, the *Veni Creator*, the *Memorare* and the three usual invocations be recited every morning, until the end of the Chapter.

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Superior-General.

To V. REV. F. PROVINCIAL, C. S. C.