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May Jesus be loved by all hearts. I remember you very well and the visit I had the honor to have with you and I hope you have not forgotten me in your prayers; I need very much God's help for I do not lack persecutions. May the Divine Master be glorified in everything.

I was supposed to have printed three years ago this little booklet "The Apparition of the very Blessed Virgin", but it is only this year, that is in November 1879 that it could be printed; it is through an error that it is dated 1878. It is under the direction of Monsignor Zala, Bishop of Lecce, that this work has been published. He has been my confessor and director in recent years, when he was Abbot of the Canon Regulars at Naples before becoming Bishop. May we profit from the merciful warnings of the Blessed Virgin Mary in order to escape the terrible scourge which will fall upon us if we do not do what the Ninivites did, a sincere penance, and if we do not follow the path of virtue by fulfilling our duties according to our vocation. Let us pray, mend our ways and do penance.

I beg you to give me your blessing and to accept the homage and deepest respect with which I have the honor to be

Very Reverend Father

Your very humble and most unworth servant

Marie de la Croix, Victim of Jesus

Long live Notre Dame de la Salette.

I am sending you several copies.