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Allow me to add another sheet to the one of  
yesterday — I no longer doubt what you mean  
+ you think you will not be allowed to return  
here & this you say to me when you are at  
ready you — To tell you the short & the  
anguish is of no use — I just used it to say  
that I do not agree to that & do not despair  
of obtaining the very reverse by our prayers, and  
trusting in myself, or any one else but your  
our Blessed Mother & St. Joseph whom I count  
you to-day — But + prayer does not prevent  
action, therefore do I trust you will do all you  
can to avert such thing — I think + of the  
spiritual responsibilities you have contracted here  
towards so many souls, faithful ones too —  
Can you leave them in conscience can you  
not say that & many other things, that you know  
the Holy Father himself would not forgive  
you unless you were willing — Then I know

you cannot live in Europe now every time  
you have been there in two years you have  
been sick, & Mr. Charles tells me to-day you  
say in her letter you are not well —  
you will never be well I fear whilst you  
are obliged to be away from here —

I know you suffer inwardly, I often felt  
when you were here this last time that  
you were not happy any more — I think  
the burden is too heavy for your physical  
strength I think I know your temperance  
better than any one & I feel you will  
suffer under that burden — Do + give it  
up as soon as you can & return to your own  
dear home here — It seems to me

that so many American Bishops being  
now in Europe would willingly give a  
word in favor of having the Western  
Cause brought to America — People  
here say every time it has been spoken  
of, it is impossible that will never take  
place, but nothing is impossible to God  
& that has never prevented me to pray  
for it & for all you meet or imagine  
for + that I shall continue to do until  
God has manifested his Will —

This is no stretch of imagination + it is  
reality — I know you will never be

Well in Europe if only some one of us were  
there to see to your wants - Went & again  
& again I beg of you to do all I ask of you  
to keep in health as much as you can, take  
some of the Long life Medicine with you  
in your little bag where ever you go &  
Went do that for me I think I deserve  
that much for I suffer enough - I then do  
not impose on yourself any personal pri-  
vations now do not for in your case it  
is a sin - Altho' do not grieve or feel  
badly for any thing no matter what  
it is, I think you & we have experienced  
too much of God's Fatherly protection to  
distrust His word - He will bring you  
home - And the sacrifices He now  
imposes on you will be the brightest gems  
in your Crown, I have always wished  
to see you a great Saint in heaven & pray  
for that for years - It is good for us to  
suffer & seems to me heart sufferings must  
be very meritorious. We will be very glad  
to disperse to obtain what we ask -

& I must tell you that I am up to day  
at the first sound of the Bell & have not missed  
any thing - so you must not doubt me when I  
say I am not up yet

I feel for certain that unless you can make them  
consent to have the Mother House here at least  
for a time, you will not be able to return here.  
I never had any doubt about that, but it has  
also always appeared to me as if it was the  
Will of God it should be here since He has  
permitted you to be elected General & I have  
immediately commenced to pray to hasten the  
accomplishment of this - unless it is so + you  
will have to leave us I know as you will  
resign, you can do it I think after a little  
while when you have settled the temporals  
& here I allude myself to my <sup>own</sup> <sup>own</sup> much I deplored you to succeed  
best you can - It is for <sup>your</sup> <sup>your</sup> of course + to know  
& feel what you think God may require of you  
on the subject, not for me to say, but I feel  
your life will not be long after the sacrifice is  
made - God will direct you + if He requires you  
to sacrifice your just & dearest affections He will  
repay that largely in Heaven, - but Oh -  
I cannot think of it - Well if it is to be  
the case - some one of us will go no matter how  
to help you to bear the Cross & alleviate it if  
we can - and you must remember I will be  
the <sup>first</sup> to go, you will have to let me find  
I would run away there & only hope I will  
not do it before the time - This is understood  
& please say yes - I have always been a friend of  
this sacrifice & have often shuddered at the only  
thought - I would not be surprised, because it is  
God's way to make saints, yet I hope we will  
all be purified & saints enough by a temporary  
separation - This morning was a beautiful evening