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Letter from Mother Catherine Aurelie, Foundress of the Order of the Precious Blood, to:—

REVEREND MOTHER IGNATIA,
Loretto Abbey, Toronto.

Rev. Mother:—

I have just learned that you are an orphan—that your venerated mother is in Heaven. Although I am nearly at the moment of my departure I do not wish to withdraw without having expressed to you quick and profound sympathy, and without having assured you that my prayers and my sacrifices intercede for you with God as well as for each of the dear afflicted ones of your house.

In our mutual sorrow let us raise our eyes to Heaven; the one whom we have lost enjoys its happiness. She possesses the God she has so much loved, and she rests in His bosom from her long sufferings. There she will remember us, above all, those who were her spiritual daughters, and whom she loved with such maternal tenderness. It is from there she will watch over them, and she will bless them with a benediction quite specially efficacious. It is there she will prepare for each one a place near her, and while awaiting the day of the eternal reunion she will beg for them graces and blessings from on high.

Courage then, my dear Reverend Mother! Equal courage to all her beloved children! All the Community unites with me to pray for the soul of the venerated Mother who has just left you, and for the afflicted Religious who bewail her loss, in order that to her may