


6 Ibid.

7 Ibid.


9 Cf. L.360B, “(To Sister Cécile Angiboust at Angers),” 8 February 1653, SW, 412. Louise exhorts the sisters to spiritual care of souls so that they will “make the acts of faith, hope and charity necessary for salvation … hate sin and love virtue … resolve to live well, if they recover, or to prepare well for death…. Lead them to desire to make a good confession in order to appease God’s anger with them because of their sins.”

10 Gobillon, Life, 4.

11 Document A.5, “(Retreat),” (c. 1632), SW, 717.

1989), 971. Hereafter cited as FC Documents.


14 Ibid.

15 See Gobillon, Life, 8–9.

16 Document A.13, “(An Interior Trial),” (c. 1621), SW, 691–92.


19 Ibid.

20 Ibid.

21 Gobillon, Life, 8.

22 Document A.50, “(Visits to the Confraternities of Asnières and Saint-Cloud),” February 1630, SW, 705.


24 Cf. Document 827, “Michel de Marillac à Louise de Marillac,” 12 September 1619, FC Documents, 976.


29 Gobillon, Life, 10.

30 Document 842, “Jean-Pierre Camus, Evêque de Belley, à Louise de Marillac,” 26 March 1626, FC Documents, 888.


L.1, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 5 June 1627, SW, 5.


Letter 29, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1626 and May 1629], ibid., 1:54.


L.1, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 5 June 1627, SW, 6.


L.1, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 5 June 1627, SW, 6.


Letter 38, “To Saint Louise,” [April or May 1629], ibid., 1:63–64.

Ibid., 1:64.


Ibid., 1:65.

For details about places in France visited by Louise de Marillac and Vincent de Paul see: John E. Rybolt, C.M., In the Footsteps of Vincent de Paul: A Guide to Vincentian France (Chicago: DePaul University Vincentian Studies Institute, 2007).


Ibid., 706.

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Letter 55, “To Saint Louise,” [September 1630], CCD, 1:86.


Letter 64, “To Saint Louise, in Montreuil,” [April 1631], *ibid.*, 1:102.
Letter 42, “To Saint Louise,” [1630], *ibid.*, 1:70.
Letter 84, “To Saint Louise,” [22 or 23 September 1631], *ibid.*, 1:126.


Mt. 26:41.

Document A.5, “(Retreat),” (c. 1632), *SW*, 717.


Letter 147, “To Saint Louise,” [around 2 September 1633], *ibid.*, 1:211.


Letter 50, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1630], *ibid.*, 1:82.

Letter 71, “To Saint Louise,” [before 1632], *ibid.*, 1:111.


Letter 147, “To Saint Louise,” [around 2 September 1633], *ibid.*, 1:211.


Letter 151, “To Saint Louise,” [August or September, around 1633], *ibid.*, 1:216.

Letter 152, “To Saint Louise,” [September or October 1633], *ibid.*, 1:217.

Gobillon, *Life*, 18. Reverend Nicolas Gobillon was pastor of St. Laurent Parish, in which Saint Louise lived with the early Daughters of Charity at the time of her death.


Letter 167, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1634], *ibid.*, 1:239.

Letter 210, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1634 and 1636], *ibid.*, 1:305.


Letter 207a, “To Saint Louise,” [October 1635], *ibid.*, 1:300.
Letter 379, “To Saint Louise, in La Chapelle,” [between 1635 and 1639], *ibid.*, 1:548.


L.8B, “To Monsieur Vincent,” [c. 1638], *SW*, 17.


Letter 228, “To Saint Louise,” [1636], *ibid.*, 1:327.


Letter 156a, “To Saint Louise,” [January 1634], *ibid.*, 1:223.


Letter 163, “To Saint Louise,” [March or April 1634], *ibid.*, 1:235.


Letter 175, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1632 and 1636, probably 22 July], *ibid.*, 1:240–41.
Letter 266, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1636 and 1642], *ibid.*, 1:375.


Letter 221, “To Saint Louise,” [1636], *ibid.*, 1:315.


Mt. 18:20.


L.89, “To Monsieur Vincent,” [c. 1638], *SW*, 16.


Document A.80, “Rule For the Sisters Who Care For Children,” (c. 1640), *SW*, 736.


Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627–1704) often preached about the
 eminent dignity of poor persons.


Letter 503, “To Saint Louise,” [1640 or 1641], *CCD*, 2:166.

Letter 529, “To Saint Louise,” [April or May 1641], *ibid.*, 2:198.


Conference 9, “Care of the Sick,” 9 March [1642], *ibid.*, 9:49.

Conference 10, “Care of the Sick,” [16 March 1642], *ibid.*, 9:51.


L.110, “To Monsieur Vincent,” (c. October 1644), *SW*, 120.


L.111, “(Account of the Pilgrimage to Chartres),” 1644, *ibid.*, 122.


§23. Saint John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater* (“The Mother of the Redeemer”), 25 March 1987. “Jesus highlights a new relationship between Mother and Son, the whole truth and reality of which he solemnly confirms. One can say that if Mary’s motherhood of the human race had already been outlined, now it is clearly stated and established. It emerges from the definitive accomplishment of the Redeemer’s Paschal Mystery. The Mother of Christ, who stands at the very center of this mystery—a mystery which embraces each individual and all humanity—is given as mother to every single individual and all mankind.” See: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031987_redemptoris-mater.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031987_redemptoris-mater.html)

Document A.10, “Resolutions for the Period from Ascension to Pentecost,” (c. 1630), *SW*, 704.


College may be compared with a boarding school for secondary education or high school.

Letter 359, “To Saint Louise, in La Chapelle,” [between 1636 and 1639], *ibid.*, 1:509.

Letter 221, “To Saint Louise,” [1636], *ibid.*, 1:314.


L.274, “To the Count de Maure,” (December 1649), *SW*, 308.


Lk. 14:26–27.


Letter of Monsieur Portail to Louise de Marillac, 18 March 1646, Archives of the Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, 140 rue du Bac, Paris. (Hereafter cited as ADCP.)


Letter of Monsieur Ratier to the Abbé de Vaux, n.d., ADCP.

Document A.44, “(Remarks on Three Deceased Sisters),” (c.1646), *SW*, 767.

Letter of Monsieur Ratier to Louise de Marillac, n.d., ADCP.


261 L.174, “(To Our Dear Sisters the Daughters of Charity),” 8 May (1647), *SW*, 196.


266 Cf. Jn. 15:1–2.


Letter 772, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [August or September 1645], *ibid.*, 2:598.


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299 L.556, “(To the Sister Servant of Saint-Denis),” *ibid.*, 682.
304 L.97, “To Our Very Dear Sick Sister,” (March 1644), *ibid.*, 108.
305 L.230, “To My Very Dear Sisters Marie and Brigide,” (October 1648), *ibid.*, 265.
308 L.458, “(To Sister Madeleine Mongert),” (c. May 1646), *ibid.*, 146.
Ibid.
Ibid., 113.
L.104B, “To the Sisters,” 26 July (1644), ibid., 113.
For example, see A.100, “(Problems for the Company),” (1660), ibid., 832-33.
Document A.8, “Retreat” (c. 1633), ibid., 718.
Document A.10, “Resolutions for the Period from Ascension to Pentecost,” (c. 1630), ibid., 704.
Mt. 25:40.
Ibid.
L.347, “To My Very Dear Sister Guillaume Chesneau,” 1 June (1651), ibid., 355.
L.125B, “To the Sisters,” 9 September 1644, ibid., 118.


Monsieur Holden was a friend of the Marillac family.

L.221, “To My Very Dear Sister Hellot,” (28 August 1648), *SW*, 258.


L.244, “To Sister Jeanne Lepintre,” 6 April (1649), *ibid.*, 280.

L.259, “(To Sister Julienne Loret),” (April 1649), *ibid.*, 284.


See L.212, “To His Lordship, Chancellor Séguier,” (c.1649), *SW*, 306.


L.400, “(To Sister Anne Hardemont),” (c.1653), ibid., 432.


Ibid.

Ibid., 13b:242.


Ibid., 13b:294.

Conference 3, “The Vocation of the Daughter of Charity,” 19 July 1640,


Letter 1405, “To Saint Louise,” [September 1651], ibid., 4:257.


Ibid., 10:85.


L.360B, “(To Sister Cécile Angiboust),” 8 February 1653, SW, 412.


Ibid.

Ibid.


Document A.45, “(Advice requested from Monsieur Vincent),” 30 December 1656, SW, 814.

Ibid., 815.

Ibid.

L.174, “(To Our Dear Sisters, the Daughters of Charity),” 8 May (1647), ibid., 197.

L.104B, “To the Sisters,” 26 July (1644), ibid., 113.

L.182B, “To Monsieur L’Abbé de Vaux,” Feast of Saint Peter (1647), ibid., 207.

Ibid.

Conference 118, “The Virtues of Louise de Marillac,” 3 July 1660, CCD, 10:574.


Document A.8, “Retreat,” (c. 1633), ibid., 718.

Ibid., 719.


L.395, “(To a Sister Servant),” ibid., 682.

Document A.7, “(Retreat Meditations),” (c. 1628), ibid., 698–702.

Document A.68, “(On Obedience),” (7 August 1650), ibid., 781–82.


Conference 118, “The Virtues of Louise de Marillac,” 3 July 1660, CCD, 10:578.

Document A.7, “(Retreat Meditations),” (c. 1628), SW, 701.


See Meditation M.40B, “(Abandonment to Divine Providence),” ibid., 784.
Document A.45, “(Advice requested from Monsieur Vincent),” 30 December 1656, *ibid.*, 815.


Document A.62, “(Motives Which the Daughters of Charity have for Giving Themselves to God to Obtain the Preservation of the Company),” (25 May 1654), *SW*, 796.

Document A.61, “(On the Care that the Daughters of Charity Must Take to Preserve their Company),” n.d., *ibid.*, 824.


L.169, “(To Sister Turgis),” 31 January (1648), *SW*, 239.

Document A.62, “(Motives which the Daughters of Charity Have for Giving Themselves to God to Obtain the Preservation of the Company),” (25 May 1654), *ibid.*, 796.


L.481, “To Monsieur L’Abbé de Vaux,” 29 June (1649), *SW*, 293.


Gobillon, *Life*, 64.

This number includes 400 letters of Vincent de Paul to Louise de Marillac, 75 percent of which were written before 1642, the date of the installation of the motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in the faubourg Saint-Denis. The remaining 200 letters are from Louise de Marillac to Vincent de Paul, 80 percent of which were written after 1645, the date of the appointment of Brother Ducourneau as secretary to Monsieur Vincent.


Letter 38, “To Saint Louise,” [April or May 1629], ibid., 1:64.


Letter 136, “To Saint Louise,” [April 1633], CCD, 1:197. There could be the danger of contagion due to an epidemic of the plague.


See *Constitutions*, C. 32.a, 81.


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Letter 2, “Bertrand Ducournau to Saint Louise,” [after March 1657], *ibid.*, 7:640.


Louise and Vincent had been friends for thirty-five years.
