

# CORRESPONDENCE

of saint Michael Garicoïts

(New Letters: 502 - 538)

## NEW LETTERS Year 1860

### 502 - To Monsignor Lacroix

Monsignor,

I have the honour of telling your Grace that when I saw M Menjoulet, I spoke to him about two of our brothers, the most useful who can be spared this year. He told me that we could send them for some months to Ste Croix at Oloron to live with the brothers who are there. Could we, Monsignor, review this expedient? In this case there is a need to act quickly.

Would it be, Monsignor, indiscreet to reconsider Sarrance? M Lalanne could be taken from Orthez without any inconvenience.

This holy priest seems to me suitable to do good at Sarrance, especially with the help that the missionaries are able to give him when they are free from missions. Everything leads me to believe that M Lalanne will be received very well in his area by everyone, especially since Madame Camou<sup>1</sup> has returned to the church who was indispensable to M Castetnau, according to my information. This combination would put M Castetnau back in his element, for which he has always kept a decided preference to the point of saying; "There's no point in becoming a parish priest again now I am a missionary." In fact mission seems better suited to his character and aptitudes.

So Monsignor have I need to say that I wish in advance whatever your Grace will judge suitable.

May I venture to request your grace the favour of installing an altar in a closed apartment. It would be very useful every day for the infirm priests, and on Sundays for all the priests in general who are embarrassed by the faithful who should assist at masses where there is instruction. We have a room which seems suitable, near to the tribunal above the Chapel of Compassion and below the Hall of the novitiate.

Finally I am happy, Monsignor, in wishing your Grace, on behalf of all our community, with most respectful and filial devotion as our pastor, superior, and father that is given us by God in his wisdom and infinite goodness, good health and long life; and we humbly implore your blessing.

Garicoits priest

January 1860

## 503 - To M Larrouy

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Betharram 11th of January 1860

Asked him to pose gently the fixed ideas of M Sagorre <sup>2</sup>. He believes he is pursued by enemies who may find everywhere: secret societies, etc... It is the same illness as that of M Jacque Larrouy, probably due to a tired ahead, but favoured by some ideas that he encourages and which would lead him into folly. It would be necessary to say to him, it seems to me, to rather eat nor far from dwelling on these sort of ideas under pain of great misfortunes, as one learns, and to abandon himself to obedience, which presents every guarantee of religion and of good sense. We ought to work on all sides to fight it. It would be dreadful and after having given such high hopes, his future you would be broken forever.

## 504 - To Florent Lapatz<sup>3</sup>

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My dear friend

Carry on, sed Attende at firstt tibi and then Doctrinae;<sup>4</sup> at first always and with all your heart, God and the law of charity that he has engraved on our soul, then literature, sciences, theology, but only as a means, useless and often dangerous in se per accidens,<sup>5</sup> only necessary when conformed to the dispositions of Providence.

Then attende tibi et doctrinae,<sup>6</sup> but as I've just said no more nor less or otherwise. I fear there is a disorder within yourself on this point: it consists in forgetting the end and converting the means into the end, meaning: *Beatus populus cujus Dominus Deus ejus; mihi adhaerere Deo bonum est.*<sup>7</sup>

I fear that you're exposing yourself by ruining your health in efforts otherwise his commendable, you may be offering God, in your right hand, a hand of iniquity by putting before what you ought to put after.

What is the knowledge in which the priest must excel? Certainly it is what can help him fulfil perfectly all the duties of a man of God and a minister of Jesus Christ, and not those things which are just fish show, to arouse curiosity, and which are only concerned with passing things, by way of receipt, and necessary things which are entirely passing and in a pitiable manner what doesn't pass.

Let me repeat: choose God as the absolute only good, without any turning away, neither through pleasure, suffering, pride.

Oh wisdom, etc. may you be able to be the partaker of this dear friend.

## 505 - To Dominique Guilhas

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27 January 1860

With learning, even theological learning, when it replaces the whole spirit of the programme formulated in this letter, one can belong to the family of foolish virgins.....

Pray and enter into close communication with Fr Barbe, who is in fact your superior. Get on with him, and God will bless you.

## 506 - To Jean Chirou

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27 January 1860

My dear friend

May you become what I knew you always to be, innocent, candid, modest!

May you choose God, unite yourself to him with all your soul, this is wisdom; without that no pain will turn you from him, it is power; nor any seduction, it is temperance; nor pride, it is justice.

Oh wisdom! Oh power! Oh temperance! Oh justice! May you always be a sharer of this dear C(hirou)!

## 507 - To Cyprien Espagnolle

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27 of January 1860

I always tremble you as your brother in I remember that the altar each day.

I fear that you only belong to the family of the foolish virgins, that you may finish by having both their unfortunate fate, always by the same principle, by a lack of Oriel, that is to say of a pure intention. This pure intention consists in choosing God who are reflected discernment in uniting oneself to him, without that nothing can deflect you neither pain, nor seduction, nor pride.

Oh wisdom in the choice! Oh strength! Oh temperaments! No justice in union!  
May you be the sharer of these poor children!

## 508 - To Honore Taret

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27 January 1860

For that, get on with Fr Barbe, and God will bless you

May certain strange behaviour, so contrary to your candour, your former simplicity, your godly childhood disappear from you and around you.

## 509 - Victor Paradis

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There is nothing to upset you, you invigilate at exams so well as stand in and assistant to M Thuillier<sup>8</sup>. Is there anything there to be upset about? Do you want to be spe gaudens et in tribulatione patiens <sup>9</sup> decidedly?

To be that and to show oneself that, there is the Christian Homo Dei; the contrary is pagan, pitiful, often scandalous, always of the family of the foolish virgins.

Garicoits priests.

28th of January 1860

## 510 - To Didace Barbe, Superior of the College of St Joseph

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April 1860

Have courage against destructive spirits which can substitute man in place of God by saying: non-serviam.<sup>10</sup>... There is the reform that we must proclaim, work at in ourselves and around us, in savouring and in making others relish the need, the advantage, the goodness in it.

God will bless our efforts in this intention select; and in the end will it not be better to die in obedience and under the standard of the reign of divine obedience?

## 513 - To an unknown person

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29th of April 1860

F. V. D.

The superior has been very upset; he implores you very strongly that he is capable of undertaking the most scrupulous observation of our rules, as a necessary safeguard for you.

Never would the enemy have invaded the terrain of the commandments, if the ramparts of and the holy rule had been faithfully kept.

For it is easy to understand that when one counts for nothing or nearly nothing the will of God in matters of counsel sooner or later one will take no account of it in matters of precept. This is based on experience.

## 514 - To Jean Espagnolle

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Betharram on the 11th of June 1860

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Pierre<sup>11</sup> is always very edifying, praying like an angel, spe gaudens et in tribulatione patiens.<sup>12</sup>

May we be like him! For suffering is everywhere and life is no different.

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## 516 - To Victor Paradis<sup>13</sup>

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Betharram July 1860

Work with the soldiers is an excellent work and it seems even that God has given you special aptitudes for this work. Alas! Alas! It is true of several other works. But you have a fundamental problem, in my opinion, being a lack of consistency and a propensity for meddling with other's affairs, which you do not seem to realise.

In other words you have neither a sufficiently high idea of the will of God, nor enough consistent devotion in fulfilling it, and an urge to replace it with your own will, which becomes manifest in its fruits, by becoming discourage when your superiors oppose you; in a word you become discouraged the moment someone touches the idle that you even make into the work of God, which you could avoid if you learn when you properly understand to leave God for God hilariter,<sup>14</sup> to abandon yourself to only do his will.

Today what is very clear, the will of God for you, is the orphanage. The work with the soldiers, I wonder having seen the manner in which you occupy yourself; behaviour already noted, judged and condemned as mistaken according to yourself and having seen the way in which you receive annoyances which come to you especially from your superiors.

When God wishes something, one attaches oneself to it because that is the will of God, and as God wills it, and as much as God wills it. This is to say there is nothing better the you than to speak to M Vignau<sup>15</sup> who is on the spot and who can decide and who is responsible for your behaviour; and nothing of what you tell me is opposed to him is for you in the normal situations, the faithful organ of the will of God. What more do you want?

For the rest heaven and earth will pass, but the truth, the need of this teaching practised by you will never pass. Keep to this, it is truly time for it by asking God for this grace,

all yours of our lord Jesus Christ

Garicoits priest

## 518 - To Pierre Barbe<sup>16</sup>, Superior of the College of Moncade

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7 July 1860

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I hope you are not still like a snail in its shell!

God be blessed! Certainly it is necessary to know how to sur-mount or overcome more considerable obstacles, and more than your predecessor, you have been too preoccupied with the success of Moncada's future .

How? You have been too alarmed by the wine that they gave you to drink, by uncleanliness, by what they say, etc etc. You ignore the fact that some things indeed quite serious have not compromised Betharram, when some priests more than once have had water rather than broth, even visiting priests; and to flavour the stew one has observed several snails which have tried to climb out off the soup tureen have been stopped in their ascent by the heat of the well salted soup, seen on a throne of scum and been heard to make a sort of hissing noise like a serpent.

Once again, neglect nothing to avoid these sort of things; but do not get worried for nothing. What's the point of worrying! Leave the entire success to the good Lord! The good Lord knows how to draw good from evil, do not neglect anything of what I have recommended in my letters and by Father Etchecopar.

Particularly towards M Goailhard and the other teachers, insist on the observation of the rule. As for the rules you cannot dispense from them in principle; as for the practice, there are all sorts of good ways, and with charity.

Concerning the letters which come to you for me or which are addressed to me, send them here as soon as possible without reading them. No show of annoyance.

Let M Goailhard carry out his bursarship without interference. But make him aware, if need be in writing, of his responsibilities as bursar and a religious and I promise you more submission from him than you think. For the rest I will write and tell him what I want. If you need anything, tell me about it. And then go forward! That's all. Neglect nothing and pay attention to God and abandon yourself to him in all things.

Regarding yourself, neglect nothing! It is what you have to do better than in the past; which I cannot obtain from you, in spite of all my recommendations and all the facilities that I have put in your hands.

Pray and act as I have said and God will bless you. Amen

Say to M Goailhard to make his general accounts not through brother Gabriel<sup>17</sup> and brother Guillaume<sup>18</sup>, but by Baptiste<sup>1961</sup> and even Felicien<sup>2062</sup> .

See that this young man learns to sew. Send the programmes of the forgotten classes. Let everyone high or low observe the rule of the socius. Be watchful. No meals neither for the priests nor the brothers outside! In general no invitations! Keep to what Fr Echecopar has left in writing.

All yours in Jesus Christ.

Garicoits priest

## 519 - To Alexis Gouillard

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Betharram 7 of July 1860

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Blessed be God! After what Fr Echeopar told me, I hope that unanimity will be established in prayer and action at Moncade, and no longer stop. I have not said this for nothing, as in the past, but not even before the greatest obstacles, which the devil was accustomed to use against the union of the Lord's apostles, a unanimity against the wind and the sea and the rage and artfulness of hell. Concerning yourself be at peace with everyone, especially with Fr Barbe; there is no reason why you shouldn't, if not, do not pay attention to certain urges within you, in the belief of doing a duty, and visibly temptations of the devil, although difficult for you to see because of your organisation, but which you could clearly see for yourself with the aid of prayer, experience and the enlightened advice of your superiors, even of Fr Barbe, in ordinary affairs for which you will consult him and put into practice the six points printed and become more and more disposed to follow the seventh. Amen, amen!

As for the letters, I fear the abuse must not stop the observation of the rules which relate to it. All the letters must pass through the hands of the superior, even business letters, unless circumstances do require the contrary, like the absence of the superior, etc... Be persuaded that Fr Barbe will not cause you any embarrassment. At least be disposed to receive the light.

So be amenable to all. That will happen if we do not have the misfortune of listening to The Other one, who always runs around us. *Cui resiste fortes in fide*<sup>21</sup>.

Get these things into your head:

1 You will only be a better bursar when you are a good religious.

2 It will be very easy to be a good religious in the position you are; it is only necessary to have a little courage, humility and charity. Justice will lose nothing by it; it will gain. *Euge, serve bone et fidelis in pauca super multa constitueris . Amen.*<sup>22</sup>

Why not begin this month? Clearly in general, each month begun will have to be paid for completely; it is normal practice in view of the prospectus. I have told you that for little trifles, it is not necessary to go to court or to destroy charity.

So always be a good religious! When Fr Barbe tells you: "I no longer want to meddle in your affairs", he is not able to dispense you nor dispense himself from the above. That is clear!

There is only the devil who can prevent this. Go forward always! You need to pass through this school; so as to learn a little more about life.

As for the wine from now to the end, put a third of wine and you will bring me an account of the difference. I promise to speak about it to the Bishop.

All yours

Garicoits priest

## 520 - To Louis Lassus<sup>23</sup>, Superior of Sainte Croix

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20 of July 1860

I have written to M Etchanchu,<sup>24</sup> I've spoken to him quite frankly. Tell him to arrange this business with Monsignor, that he makes known to him my letter. Ask also his Grace, after having offered to him my humble greetings and most profound respect, if he authorises me to call M Cotiart<sup>25</sup> so that he can be prepared for some days at Betharram for his journey to Buenos Aires, unless his Grace wishes to write to him himself. I know that he is expecting a reply from the Bishop.

All yours

Garicoits priest

## 521 - To Mgr Lacroix

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Betharram 26 July 1860

Monsignor<sup>26</sup>,

Today we have received the visits of an employee from the Chateau of Pau, sent by order of the ministry, to see where the organ should be installed which was given to Betharram by his Highness the Emperor. This organ is expected by the first of August.

In conveying you this news, I beg your grace to have the kindness let me know if I have some courtesy to fulfil either to the Emperor or to the Empress who are about to arrive at Eaux Bonnes.

I have the privilege etc...

Garicoits priest

## 522 - To Didace Barbe, superior of the College of St Joseph

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Betharram 26 July 1860

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1. If you please to receive our letters, believed me, we are also with yours. Quam bonum et jucundum habitare , fratres in unum.
2. it is true that there was in the letter to which I have responded, 14 masses in place of 340, as in that of the 19th of May, there are some 15 new ones in which I am responsible for. But M Nabarra<sup>27</sup> has had to say the last 15 and 300 omitted.
3. I am trying every day in his to send them to you when possible. Monsignor has authorised me to call M Cotiart to Betharram in order to prepare him for his board image overseas. You will have there are excellent character; I am not sure if he is nephew will join him. It will always be difficult for us to have a teacher of English.
4. Before yesterday I had to go to Nay; I was leaving and found herself on the bridge when a coach happened to pass. I'm not sure how I saluted a lady who happened to be there. She waved at me graciously with a friendly and modest smile which struck me and which made me suspect that she was the Empress. In fact it was her. That's how



I happened to see the Empress without going out of my way and just after I was leaving your sister, who had been delighted to receive your letter and asked me to say to you all sorts of pleasant things.

5. today I have just received two employees from the Chateau of Pau, who've come to visit the gallery where they wished to install a Notre Dame the organ, the magnificent gift of his Majesty the Emperor.
6. if you can receive, as those Irish persons, as teachers and to train teachers, even for here, would it not be a providential? It seems to me that I will receive some volunteers here in the conditions where they present themselves; today English and Spanish are us are not to be ignored.
7. so I have felt deeply whatever you have experienced on the occasion of your hurricane<sup>28</sup>.
8. I am not able to send the complete plans of our buildings yet, M Merigot is too busy, this will be later.
9. we have lost a novice, Pierre Espagnol. He has gone to heaven like brother Leonide, truly an Angel. M Cazaban is at Eaux, under the weather, with a very bad chest. Pray that the good God keeps him.

All yours

Garicoits priest

## 523 To Victor Paradis

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August 1860

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I have spoken about you to M Vignau, and I'm convinced once more, that you will find from him all the help you're looking for, provided you behave towards him as a true religious, which is not happening at present. You are showing yourself to defiant towards him and too little ready to obey his direction.

The work you speak about is excellent, understood as necessary! As you understood it in the past is a disorder that you cannot allow to happen again.

This work well undertaken by you is at first simply assistance permitted by the chaplain and the Superior of the Hospice, and then permitted as an auxiliary priest in principle and in practice, that is to say that you must do whatever M Vignau wants and as he wants, in relation to observation of the rules in everything in which there will not be evident sin for you in obeying him.

So: 1 you can stop this work if he wishes; in fact you should do this because there is not an evidence sin, whereas there is an evidence one for me in letting you worry, be discouraged, complain about this matter and by that doing you great harm before all those that you bear witness to through your sadness and distress in place of showing yourself as a religious. Saying it for you in one word, do whatever M Vignau will order or permit, neither more nor less. And God will bless you. I am writing to him that he prays for you before God and that you may live in peace.

You can do nothing of what you ask outside obedience to the local Superior. So I have not answered you. He will instruct you himself on this matter.

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## 524 - To Pierre Vignau, superior of St Louis Gonzague

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August 1860

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I find the chaplain and the superior of the hospice, ask them if they really want M Paradis to work with the soldiers and how. If they do, will they really permit him:

1. to be occupied with it, provided that it doesn't interfere with the orphanage and is conformed to our rules.
2. spend three quarters of an hour or an hour each day at the hospice, among the soldiers, outside recreation and mealtimes, for example as he has requested four hours.
3. to hear their confessions in a hospice or at St Louis, where you will arrange a confessional for him, unless he prefers to hear them in the sacristy.
4. you will supply him with a reasonable amount of medals, books and other objects of piety, that you will tell him to ask for.
5. see M Minchin<sup>29</sup> sometime in your company to receive what this good man would wish to give him to pay for these objects. He will bring you the money, and you will use it to buy these items.

You were asked that all letters that he writes and receives be handed to you; you will not read letters of direction, which you will recognize easily either from the address or the signature, etc...

Tell M Paradis this so as to observe the rule of the socius; take care not to neglect it in regard to others.

All yours in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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P. S. Hasten to put these directions into practice and to make it easy for others by taking on some yourself.

Garicoits priest

## 525 - To Monsignor Lacroix

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Betharram August 1860

Monsignor

I have advised M Cotiart to come to you as soon as possible. But as one was not able to foresee, M Bordachar<sup>30</sup> is complaining. He has written a letter to me where he has expressed his dissatisfaction and his intention of taking active measures to keep his confrere whom he declares he cannot do without. He has indeed told me that tomorrow at the distribution of prizes he will present himself your Grace to obtain this favour.

On his part M Cotiart has written to warn me of the concerns and measures of M Bordachar. He adds that when Monsignor has spoken he regards this business terminated.

I believed, Monsignor, in letting your Grace know about this that you would be

completely aware of this business when you will have to answer M Bordachar..

Garicoits priest

## 526 - To Pierre Barbe, superior of the College Moncade

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Betharram August 1860

My dear friend.

It seems to me there will be some way of coming to agreement about the young Miniolle. If there are not serious reasons, you must honour the promise given by M Serres. If this is not possible, it is necessary to give and to make the reasons understood that one has to withdraw the promise of M Serres. As for boarding, these parents, as you have indicated, will not fail to be reasonable. On your part it is a matter of goodwill and good relations.

2. since M Lalanne has had to replace the parish priest, he has no need of a socius.
3. you tell me nothing new about the ideas of M Lapatz. Let us pray the good Lord to modify them; or better still say, carry light and conversion into his heart.

It is good! M Espagnolle, M Laptz and consorts are subjects if not capable of teaching, at the least capable of becoming good teachers. The rest, it is " a mess "!

This is correct, is it not? May the good Lord guide us! It is in the least naive.

You will have to, if you have not already done so, tell him four things, to combat such displaced opinions, there is nothing more for me to say.

Bless you in the Lord Jesus

Garicoits priest

## 527 - To Florent Lapatz

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If you only knew how a father has suffered who long ago lost forever a son, the object of so much solicitude and hope, like M Espagnolle and who sees himself threatened with another loss.....

## 528 - To Pierre Barbe, superior of the College Moncade

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18th or 19th of September 1860

My dear friend,

It's always the same obsession: "it is by some remissions a house of teaching can be rescued, and operate "

No, no, a thousand times no, it is neither by remissions nor by the number that

makes an establishment prosper. So no remissions. Your answer is so facile, but go and make people see who have fixed ideas, eyes that deceive them.

1. Tell them: to board here is 370 francs. If you want to board for 300 francs, go or send him to Betharram. Your children will be educated at Betharram as good, or even better than here. This seems obvious to anyone who has eyes; so no remissions.
2. If at the beginning of next year, there are only 10 pupils, be patient! And care for them better than all the others, through the grace of God, according to the spirit and the rules of the community, leaving both number and success to God's care. This is the only way of making our work to prosper, which are the works of God.

Regarding other ways, I will not cease to oppose them without being happy enough to separate them as only obstacles, ruins, scandals, appearing ridiculous and perhaps criminal for auxiliaries of God.

Not having anything else to say at the moment, I pray God that he takes care of you.

Garicoits priest

## 529 - To Angelin Minvielle, Superior of the Seminary of Oloron

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October 1860

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Propter quod unxit me,<sup>31</sup> effaced and made obedient...

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Everything in our intentional behaviour must respond: here I am through love for the will of God, for his Holy Spirit and for our superiors, without delay and without return, having great care to surrender ourselves with wholehearted dedication...

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PS You tell me that the practice of asking permission to go to Holy Communion for non-priests is not established in your community, whereas it happens here and at Orthez. My intention is that there are no differences in this respect. Let's have union and uniformity! I recommend that our members become an example,...unum sint.<sup>32</sup>

Betharram October 1860

## 530 - To Didace Barbe, superior of the College of St Joseph

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Betharram 24 October 1860

It seems to appear that although when disposed in general, M Cotiart is not in a hurry to leave, since his departure seems indefinitely adjourned. Go-ahead always! And when the moment comes you have something to say, and we will neglect nothing to found a residence at Montevideo. You will not only remember that Monsignor the Vicar Apostolic will do well to contact the Bishop of Bayonne who has shown himself very favourable to this project. If the Jesuit go there, all the better!

You are on the spot! Since you believe more in developing the College, do this by profiting from the good dispositions of M Idiart, to whom, I know, we can be very grateful.

If you could let me know how I can thank him, I'll be very pleased to do so.

Good news! The Jesuits are in Pau! The novitiate in Toulouse is being transferred to this town; Fr Pichon is superior, etc....

Garicoits priest

### 531<sup>bis</sup> - To Monsignor Lacroix

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Betharram, 6 November 1860

Monsignor,

I have the pleasure of communicating to your Grace the letter and the request of a good brother<sup>33</sup>; having responded to him, I believed it my duty to take your Grace's advice. I dare to ask you, Monsignor, two things, what must I say to this good brother, who would appear to be very useful in joining us, if he could leave his community with the intention of becoming a priest.

I hope, Monsignor, that before long I will be able to present to your Grace statistics of the two houses of Oloron and Orthez<sup>34</sup> with that of Betharram. I have done whatever I can to put an end to the abuses, reduced personnel, simplified things, and inspired some courage and a little more devotion. I like to believe that this will not be in vain.

I have the privilege of being, with the most profound respect, your Grace's humble and obedient servant.

Garicoits priest

### 532 - To M Monauban

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Betharram 15th of November 1860

My dear Sir,

I am quite disposed to admit you to our novitiate; but it is our custom that before this, you will come to make some days in retreat at Betharram, so as to know us at least to some extent. Come when you wish! Only warn your parents in case of admission they will have to furnish you with a trousseau, the details of which you will find on the list below and 200 francs for boarding for a year, up to when we can employ you in teaching or otherwise: 200 francs for board for 12 months.

All yours in the Lord Jesus.

Garicoits priest

### 533 - To M Jean Hayet

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Betharram 20 November 1860

My dear friend

I am sending M Etchecopar and M Cazaban to try to put an end to your miseries<sup>35</sup> which have made you suffer so much and lead to the most shocking results so far. I bless the Lord for the strength of soul that he has given you to draw from the business as you do, especially these words: "I will have the courage, with God's help, to go forward", have given me indescribable pleasure.

In effect these things which weigh on you so much enter into the dispositions of divine providence, to help you to be a perfect religious, and to act as such: to know how to be silent and to speak when and how needed, to propose the same and to make representations, in a word to go forward always in the way of obedience to M Minvielle, following our rules of St Ignatius on obedience. It he had perfectly fortunate.

Hoc fac et teipsum facies et eas qui teviderint et imitati fuerint.<sup>36</sup>

All yours in the Lord

Garicoits priest

### 534 - To Angelin Minvielle the period of the seminary of Oloron

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20 of November 1860

My dear friend

I have received your letter and what you tell me. I received them at the same time and by the same courier.

The measures that you have taken.... to be limited to light punishments, like a limited number of lines.

M Etchecopar will tell you my thoughts. I ask you to help him so that M Cazaban fulfils the mission of visitor and supplier.

All yours in our Lord

Garicoits priest

### 535 - To Father Jean-Francois Secail<sup>37</sup>

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November 1860

There will be no difficulty in welcoming your reverend fathers and brothers.... We are far from that time.... let the apparent things give way to the things.

All yours in our Lord

Garicoits priest

Thank you for your kindness to us and our brother...

### 536 - To M Pierre Sagorre<sup>38</sup>

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Being persuaded that in certain circumstances, the inner eye of his soul is altered so that he takes truth for falsity, I think he must pray and obey those responsible for him, that is to say his superior, in these same circumstances.

Then prayed to God to cure him, to give up what he imagines he sees, to renounce the vision and live by faith. The just live by faith.

I believe there lies his duty of conscience.

Signed: Garicoits.

### 537 - Promise of obedience of M Sagorre

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In the presence of the holy Trinity, our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Virgin and all the heavenly court, persuaded that in certain circumstances, the inner eye of my soul has altered in such a way that it believes error for truth, in such a way that I imagine myself to be able to swear that it is true, I promise to pray and to obey those responsible for me, that is my superior, in these circumstances, recanting what I imagine myself to see, disowning my vision and living by faith: the just man lives by faith. He judges that it is a duty of conscience for me.

I ask the Immaculate Virgin to offer this promise to her Divine Son, so that he deigns to accept it for his greater glory. Amen.

Sagorre

Betharram 11 December 1860

### 538 - To Mademoiselle Noemi Peyrounat<sup>39</sup>

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*2nd line:* let me know (a letter), I believe, from Monsieur Peyrounat where fatherly love speaks in desperation....

*8th line:* you have indicated certain preferences, by what you have conveyed.....

*9th line:* to control feelings over your belongings, but too natural parents....

*13th line:* show them all kinds of gratitude for whatever they have done to facilitate that decision.

*16th line:* to tell you definitely, you will have to do it.

*26th line:* you must leave them in order to find them in eternal life, and that you hate and

leave them for a short time, is to love them and possess them even better.

*31st line:* it is also to do them a great service, in helping them to kill in themselves natural feelings, that you sacrifice yourself for a higher cause, and help them develop in themselves a Christian disposition.

*33rd line:* they will recognize that they are your brother and your sister, and that they have like you eternal parents in God and the church.

*37th line:* calling upon the most sacred rights like those that your parents invoke in their favour.

*39th line:* so show yourself to your parents in this way.

PS I promise to keep with care the beautiful gift that you have sent me and that it will be there as an occasion, always present to recommend you to the divine Master that it so well represents.



- <sup>1</sup> Melle Camou had sold the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Sarrence back to Mgr Lacroix. See Vol 1 L 99.
- <sup>2</sup> Pierre Sagorre worn in 1831 out Bergeray, admitted to the society of the Sacred Heart and professed in 1859; he left the society as a sub deacon.
- <sup>3</sup> see volume 2 letter 241.
- <sup>4</sup> Watch yourself and your teachings. 1Tim 4,16
- <sup>5</sup> in itself worthless. 1Tim 4,16 or in itself superficial
- <sup>6</sup> Watch yourself and your teachings. 1Tim 4,16
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are those whose Lord is God; for me it is good to stick to the Lord Ps143.
- <sup>8</sup> M Thuillier born at Pau in 1819, ordained priest in 1845, member of the Society of Higher Studies, successor of Fr Etchegaray as chaplain to the Ursuline in Pau in 1859, honorary Canon of Bayonne in 1863
- <sup>9</sup> Happy in the hope, patient in trials Romans 12, 12
- <sup>10</sup> I will not serve.
- <sup>11</sup> Pierre, brother Jean and Cyprien died 20th of June 1860 56 See Vol 1 L 166
- <sup>12</sup> Joyful in hope and patient in distress.
- <sup>13</sup> Military chaplaincy at Pau
- <sup>14</sup> Joyfully
- <sup>15</sup> Pierre Vignau-Cousteret See Vol 1 L 106
- <sup>16</sup> See Vol 1 L 430
- <sup>17</sup> Nothing seems to be known of as he is only mentioned in this letter.
- <sup>18</sup> Guillaume Nessieres entered the Society on 13 th May 1853, then left
- <sup>19</sup> Baptiste Cariton born at Gerde 1820, entered in 1848, died 1904
- <sup>20</sup> Felicien Lassus born at angos in 1820, entered in 1854.
- <sup>21</sup> Resist strong in faith Tim
- <sup>22</sup> Courage good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in little things, take charge of greater things
- <sup>23</sup> Louis Lassus. See volume 1, letter 153.
- <sup>24</sup> see volume 2 letter 256
- <sup>25</sup> see volume 2 letter 271
- <sup>26</sup> see volume 1 letter 37
- <sup>27</sup> Pierre Nabarra born 1802 at Coaraze, former pupil of St Michael at Betharram, ordained 20 December 1828, Parish priest of Ger, then Lucgarrier in 1830, of Limedoux in 1836, Borberes 1842, entered the Society 25 February 1857, chaplain of Notre Dame, died 8 August 1888.
- <sup>28</sup> Probably an allusion to the conflict in Argentina which broke out between the government of the Confederation and the State of Buenos Aires which placed the College of St Joseph up to the agreement with Flores in November 1859, between the forces which protected the town and those of general Urquiza who was attacking it.
- <sup>29</sup> M Minchin an Englishman who had bought the Countess of Carantilly's house, who had founded the Carmel of Pau. He became one of their benefactors responsible for the decoration of the Chapel of St Joseph.
- <sup>30</sup> Etienne Marie Therese Bordachar born 31st of August 1823 at Mauleon did his studies at Oloron and Bayonne, ordained in 1849, teacher at the College of Saint Palais from 1856 in 1877, Canon in 1870, died 14 October 1877.
- <sup>31</sup> because he has anointed me
- <sup>32</sup> may they be one
- <sup>33</sup> A brother of the Christian Schools following the example of a friend who had entered the society of Garaison, was requesting to enter Betharram to become a priest there. He was already perpetually professed.
- <sup>34</sup> 79 in this year 1860 St Michael Garicoits had reduced a staff of 15 teachers to 11, without having reduced any at Oloron which had 16 priests and 4 brothers.
- <sup>35</sup> .These miseries were a consequence of a decision by Fr Minvielle, superior of Sainte Marie. He had ordered that punishments should be written by each teacher on paper and that they would be read out in the dining room by the prefect of discipline.
- <sup>36</sup> .Do this and you will save yourself and those who see you and imitate you.

<sup>37</sup> See vol 2 letter 294

<sup>38</sup> See Vol3 497

<sup>39</sup> See Vol 2 Letter 301