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May the Passion of our Lord Jesus hrist
be always in our hearts. Amen.

May Jesus, who is our Way, our Truth and our Life, be ever the unique object of our love and of our consolation, and give you an eternal reward for the charitable memory you have of my unworthy person.
I will not fail to obey you by praying for your pious intentions, but I assure you that I am not the person that many, out of their charity, believe me to be. I fear to have deceived the world since my vicious and imperfect life makes me useless to everyone and unworthy to be heard by the Most High, when I make supplication in the name of my poor neighbors who recommend themselves. Help me, Reverend Mother, with your devout prayers, for I have extreme need. And make yourself more disposed to be heard because of the holy life that your state demands, in which the Infinite Good has placed you.
Silence, mortification, custody of the senses, detachment from everything created, whence comes a hatred and holy contempt of ourselves, are all efficacious means so that the heart fashions wings of flame to fly to God in a pure and holy prayer, which is always based on the Holy Passion of Jesus, where the loving soul imbibes the honey and sweet milk of holy love.
I am writing with great haste, as the Del Pozzo people will tell you. Let them recommend me to God, and let them be assured that I will do that for them at the holy altar and for everyone at your venerable convent. Jesus bless you. Amen.
Your Reverence's humble, unworthy servant,
Paul of the Cross, Least Discalced Cleric Regular

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Letter sent to Alessandria.