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Maria Cherubina Bresciani (40)

San Angelo

May 21, 1755

J.C.P.

Reverend Mother and Daughter in Jesus Christ,
I received your letter, dated April 6, and since I find myself quite weak and just back from the bath at Vicarello, I am replying briefly. I do not remember that I received the letter you wrote to me last November. But I tell you now in reply to what you asked, that is, that you ought to remain indifferent and abandoned totally to the Divine Good Pleasure. In case you are elected superior, you ought not refuse that burden, for it will be lightened by the Divine Goodness. There will be great helps given you to rule, etc.
With regard to the death of our good Father Fulgentius, I have already kissed the loving hand that delivered that blow. As he was a ripe fruit for the Kingdom and the Table of Glory, as I strongly hope, I have, therefore, thanked the Lord that he has received him into the bosom of his divine mercies. Concerning the memorials to be placed at the sepulcher of the deceased servant of God, I will do what I think is opportune in the Lord.
I am writing with pain and it is necessary that I stop. You should be very faithful to God and hope for good things; pray much for me since to my way of thinking in a short time I will be a companion in the grave with our deceased, and may God will that I obtain the reward he has. Greet the Mother Abbess for me, the vicar, and the others. Let them pray for me. I am always more,
Your unworthy servant,
Paul of the Cross