

The Convent Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1878  
St Leonards on Sea

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JMJ

Dear Mother Veronica

I send the Cheque for £50 to pay your bills and trust we may soon sell out & underlet. I do not see what Hyères has to do with the present circumstances We then had six children paying £50 for six months at the rate of £100 a year each. Oh that you had the same now. You forget that the coals you are now using, oil, &c. &c, are among the bills paid for – You would have had to pay double for your fuel had it not been laid in at the proper season.

Well! we have done our best to prove the Will of God as to France, and I have no longer a regret as to leaving it – The Country is rotten or rather the faith of the people I have no wish for Chaillot or to work amongst the people who are too narrow to understand our training & education. The only regret I have is the leaving those dear Holy Priests, truly men of God & Martyrs of the Faith. – Even our Lady takes up Germany now with her apparitions and miracles – Lourdes is more Spanish than French. Our Lady seeks the sinless and innocent, not the rotten and sinful people who so often have turned a deaf ear to her sweet warning. We must quietly & privately sell out what we can, & underlet without advertising – We must take the plan of M. Iscad –

Ever your loving Mother

C.C.

[Addressed on back of folded sheet]

The Rev Mother Veronica