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[My dear Merty]

You will have been made happy by the wished-for "yes" (to learn music). You see How good our/ <sup>good, good</sup> God is, when we try to please him specially... you will soon rise in your class if you mortify your imagination by driving away the castles in the air - the soap bubbles - before study begins. Set your mind to what you have to do. This you know is absolutely necessary or you will never succeed in anything you undertake. I feel so happy that you think the Fathers like you & that you tell me your little faults & to know you make some efforts to overcome those little irritabilities you are so subject to - only remember St. Francis Xavier how much vanity he had & yet what a great Saint he became - our passions are of no consequence you know provided we only govern them & do not let them govern us - How very nicely you put them down the other day in not returning evil for evil - keep yourself in the presence of God & do not let yourself say, do, or think anything that you would not have us or your good masters to know & so my dear, dear Merty you will please men and angels. I bless you my dear boy as you go to your bed as if I were close by you & you have only to whisper to your guardian

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angel to put a little cross on your forehead for me. Pray for me my dear child for I have many crosses just now for which I must thank God as I ought to do. God bless you again and again & make you a little Saint.

Ever your devoted Mother in Christ,

C. Connelly.