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"Be fervent, always fervent, and above all, charity, charity, charity above all.

Charity in Jesus Christ, charity through Jesus Christ, charity in the name of Jesus Christ. Fervour, charity, union in Jesus Christ. I am seeing you all for the last time. I am happy to see you.

Sacrifice yourselves for Jesus, for Jesus alone.

God is all; man is nothing.

A spirit of sacrifice, zeal for the glory of God, the salvation of souls".

(Taken from the deposition of Fr. P Delaplace for the process of Beatification)
A sketch by Libermann’s friend, Mgr. Ségur
The Abbey of Notre Dame du Gard, bought in 1846, was the house of studies and the novitiate up to the acquisition of Chevilly.
Photo of La Neuville, the cradle of the Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary. It served as the novitiate and house of studies between 1841 and 1847.