

24. His exit ? God's Business

"The Lord and his Mother have preserved us from the great blow with which we were soon threatened ... God willed it so in his mercy. May this rekindle our hope and lead us to pray even more and in a more intense way for those people on whom God wanted our fate to depend.... Let us wait for the moments of God who rules and governs all things; and, until he has turned the storm away from over our heads and commanded the winds and the waves to return to calm, let us remain in silence and peace ourselves. No assembly, nothing public and done in common, even at the next great feast which is approaching. But consciences are free and each one will be able to do, in her heart and in the presence of God only, what she believes to be the most pleasing to him and the most useful to her soul. "

Letter 2a200, August 1804

"There is question of a great number of prisoners leaving this week. Whatever pleases the Lord will come to me. I wish only His good pleasure. ...

Since my Memory (to the Pope) is launched, it comes to my mind that the Sovereign Pontiff, even with the best intentions, would not dare to mention it for fearing of appearing to act against the Concordat. Thus, if he says nothing, this might perhaps be the most advantageous for us; besides, it is God's affair not ours. Let us envisage only this side and we shall have no human anxiety. We will be content with everything. On our part, let us continue to do what would be in the best interests of the work. The success depends on Him alone. Let us abandon it entirely to Him, without putting ourselves to too much trouble. Fiat. Fiat! Cor Unum et Anima Una in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Letter 2a231, December 17, 1804

"Let us be resigned to whatever God wills; he is goodness itself and knows better than we what suits his glory and his good. Men will only do what He wants. Many reasons would make me want to stay, but I must not want anything, and, if God wants me elsewhere, I want it too, and I hope He will deign to make up for my entire helplessness. Let us only think of serving him as best we can, and let us abandon ourselves and all our works, into his hands. "

Letter 2a240, January 1805

"I see that we must wait patiently for the moment the Lord has ordained for my deliverance. Let us be patient, the Lord knows better than we the most suitable moment. We lost nothing by waiting with Him and when He defers for a longtime the granting of

what we ask with urgency, He grants it at last in a way that well makes up for the delay. As for myself, I assure you that I have no trouble in conforming in everything my will to His. "

Letter 2a241, January 12, 1805

"I wholeheartedly approve of all the prayers that are said about me, but their main purpose must be to ensure that everything is accomplished in the most pleasing way to God."

Letter 2 a 282, April 26, 1805

"I must bless the Lord. May his will be fulfilled in everything and may he grant me the grace to use it. This should make us wary, and remind me that I am in prison, and that I have the advantage of offering him the sacrifice of my freedom. I can employ my leisure in occupations which may one day be of use to the glory of God and which always make the days seem too short to me. ...

I had been hoping to go out the last few days. It still lasts. This hope leaves me very calm. It will be what God wills. I do not want anything other than his good pleasure and his greater glory".

Letter 2a484, Jan 19, 1807