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Munich, April 30, 1850

To the executive board of the Noble Ladies Association for the promotion of the silk industry in Bavaria.

Noble Ladies Association – You awarded our mission institute in the suburb Au a small medal of the Association as a sign of appreciation for our planting of mulberry trees and the breeding of silk worms for the silk industry. We acknowledge the receipt of this medal, and we express sincerest thanks.

The business of breeding silk worms for this industry is very difficult. Nevertheless, the pleasure of having this beautiful branch of industry in our fatherland urges us on. In spite of this, we need encouragement to bring this work to completion with indefatigable perseverance.

The Noble Ladies' Association supports every effort in a most motherly way and crowns with honor even the least accomplishments without growing weary. This silk industry in our Fatherland will surely develop more and more with your wise and sincere encouragement. May God grant this. Again our heartfelt thanks for your commendation of our work; with esteem and respect, Noble Ladies Association.

Mary Theresa of Jesus  
Superior General of the Poor School Sisters

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**Editor's Note:** It is significant that the School Sisters of Notre Dame raised award-winning silkworms in Bavaria. They received an award for "...planting mulberry trees and the breeding of silk worms for the silk industry." Mother Theresa acknowledged the receipt of this medal, and expressed sincerest thanks. (#887, April 30, 1850) It would seem that since the Fine Arts were a key component in the educational philosophy of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, quality silk thread was an essential for their student's work as well as that of the sisters.