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Dear Sister Mary Evangelist Stewart,

Thank you very much for your letter of January 20 th.
I am so glad that the additional information about the three Tussaud children is useful. Incidentally, on re-reading my letter to you, I notice that I made a slip at the end of the last paragraph but one. It should read 'the working line descended from Francis'.

Although Joseph, brother of Frances was the eldest, and came to England as a little boy of four with Madame Tussaud in 1802, his son died young, and it was in fact his nephew, Joseph Randall Tussaud, *(son of Francis)* who took over in due course as head of the Exhibition.

I was most interested to learn that Madame Tussaud(s) gave the 'Bambino' for the crib at the St. Leonard's School, and wonder if there is any surviving photograph, or even drawing showing this figure. When Madame Tussaud came to England in 1802 the models she brought with her included those of her daughter, who had died at the age of six months, and Joseph, who was then four but whom she had presumably modelled as a baby, and Francis aged tw, again probably modelled as an infant. Soon after her arrival she is said to have modelled another infant at the special request of the Duchess of York. These models remained in the exhibition until the early 1820's, and it seems to me possible that the 'Bambino' was probably modelled from one of these early moulds which no longer, of course, survive.

If there is a picture, I should be most grateful if you could let me have it for a short while so that I can get it photographed for the archives.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Chapman

Lady Chapman.

P.S. Is there any booklet about your Foundress? I am ashamed to say I do not know anything about her, and would like to learn!