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To: All family members of a current Resident at St. Martin's Home and to our Friends

As you are aware, St. Martin's Home has been extremely blessed with no known cases of COVID-19; this effort was due to the Home following strict protocol with regard to infection prevention (as shown by incessant handwashing, frequently disinfecting rooms and high-touch areas, use of Personal Protective Equipment and wearing of masks, daily temperature checks of Sisters, Residents and employees, restricting access to the Home, as well as social distancing and temporarily ending all communal activities). We know that it hasn't been easy to be away from your loved ones, but as St. Martin's took immediate, aggressive steps to protect our Residents, Sisters, and employees and you also, these drastic efforts have saved lives.

As we continue to follow the guidelines given us by Governor Hogan, the Maryland Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and CMS, we became increasingly aware of how we are all in this together. Our highest priority is the protection of our Residents.

In recent weeks, Governor Hogan issued an Emergency Executive Order mandating the testing of all Residents and employees of senior living facilities, even if there are no known cases of infection. Therefore, in order to ensure the continued safety of our Residents, Sisters and employees, we have been contacted by the Maryland National Guard of their intention to begin COVID-19 testing here in our home.

The National Guard dropped off some test kits today and will begin testing in the middle of next week. We continue to work very closely with the Baltimore County Health Department, National Guard and FEMA and we are still finalizing the plans to be sure that all will go smoothly and we will have no Positive outcomes...only the Negative ones. We pray that all of us will be infection free and I know you will pray for this intention.

The time frame for the test results to be received back from the laboratories are not always predictable, so we may not know the results until the end of the week or into next weekend. If there are any concerns about a resident or staff member we will notify the families.

We assure you that we will remain diligent in the care and in the monitoring of the health of our staff providing hands-on care to your loved ones. We want to assure you that our care team is doing everything we can to protect them. Through this entire pandemic we have still maintained our family spirit and found new ways to engage, communicate and bring joy to our Residents and employees.

Thank you again for your understanding and support all throughout this lockdown and we look forward to the day when we can open our doors to welcome you again.

Everyone at St. Martin's wishes all Mom a very Happy Mothers' Day. We hope to see you as you come here to "window visit" on Sunday. Please know that our prayers are for you and your families to stay well and for an end to this pandemic very soon!

Sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline