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

We are all feeling some level of anxiety or fear during these uncertain times, but there is something we can do. We can continue to work together as a family and stay vigilant in our prevention efforts to keep our St. Martin's Home safe. We continue to closely monitor the situation and we will keep you informed about any new precautions we think are necessary to keep your loved one safe. We actively monitor and implement guidelines and requirements set forth by the Centers for Disease Control, Governor Hogan, and the Maryland Department of Health. We were informed this week that beginning in July all employees of nursing homes in Maryland must undergo COVID-19 testing on a weekly basis. We are prepared to abide by this mandate and St. Martin's will begin testing in July 2020.

As parts of the country begin to open back up, summer is upon us and many start to see a light at the end of the tunnel, we strive to have conservative optimism regarding the virus. St. Martin's remains on lockdown and as I informed you last week, one of our employees tested positive for the coronavirus. This employee had no contact with any of our Residents, minimal staff and is now quarantined for two weeks and will be required to test negative twice before returning to St. Martin's.

Thank you for understanding and cooperating with our restricted visitation policy. This is not easy for you and it is not easy for our Residents but please know every precaution we take is for the health and safety of the Residents. As mentioned in my previous letter, Danielle, our Activities Director, and Mary, in Social Services, will be happy to help you virtually visit through Facetime, Skype and Zoom. And if weather permits, window visits are a great favorite among the Residents. Our doors may be closed right now, but our hearts and our prayers are with each of you, as we await the day when we can welcome you in person.

As we continue to experience the realities of COVID-19, we pray for all those infected by the virus and their loved ones. And we thank you for your continued positive response to this global crisis so that all of us will be safe. We remain vigilant in our devotion to the care and safety of our Residents and continue to support our heroic staff to meet the challenges of our times each and every day.

The Little Sisters of the Poor pray for you daily, and we ask that you keep us in your prayers too.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior