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To: All family members of a current Resident and to our friends

As we see more people become vaccinated, restrictions are easing. Indoor visits are occurring at St. Martin's Home and activities and programming are expanding. Although we are not where we were pre-COVID, progress is being made and recovery is on the horizon. As our State makes progress with the Vaccine distribution, we hope that you are able to receive the vaccine also, so that together we are a united front against this ever-present invisible enemy.

Safety is our number one concern at St. Martin's. We are maintaining a conservative approach to reopening visitation as we take our responsibility for the well-being of our beloved Residents very seriously. We continue implementing strict safety and sanitation protocols to keep our Residents healthy and adhering to CDC, state and local guidelines, as well as additional procedures we feel are necessary for the good of your loved one. As Little Sisters of the Poor, we will continue to prioritize protecting our Residents while identifying responsible and safe ways for family members to interact.

I am very pleased to report that this week's testing results were all negative. Since our County positivity rate has increased to just above 5%, our testing schedule will return to a weekly schedule for now. If, at any time, a change is recommended by the CDC, the Maryland Department of Health, or Governor Hogan's office, we will adhere to their directives.

This Sunday, March 28, is Palm Sunday – the beginning of Holy Week, which culminates on Easter Sunday, the most important day on the Church calendar and the very foundation of our Catholic faith. The Lord's death and resurrection is the very heart of our hope of someday being with the Father and we pray for all those who have gone before us.

We are enjoying this beautiful spring weather and see how the earth is being recreated with the beauty of God's creation. Thank you to all our visitors over the last few weeks. You are patient and unbelievably supportive as we navigate these uncharted waters. Our Residents have a brighter smile and more pep in their step from seeing you. Window visits or the use of Zoom and Facetime are always available.

The Little Sisters remember you in prayer daily and ask that you pray for all of us at St. Martin's Home.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.  
Superior