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

Re: Novel Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) update

Together, we are facing a truly unprecedented situation. The global coronavirus pandemic is affecting families, businesses, communities, and our way of life. We will continue to update you weekly on how we are approaching the situation at St. Martin's Home.

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone impacted by the virus either directly or indirectly. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with those who are sick – we extend our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery. And we are truly inspired by the selfless healthcare workers not only at St. Martin's Home but those around the world who are on the front lines working tirelessly to care for people unable to care for themselves. We are so grateful that we do not have any new cases of Covid in our home. The 4 staff members who tested positive last week, remain asymptomatic on quarantine in their own homes and have not been at work. We pray for their well being and recovery.

We thank our good God and St. Joseph for continuing to keep our Residents safe and healthy. The Little Sisters and our staff find meaningful ways to entertain them and to keep them active even as they remain separated. Although Governor Hogan eased restrictions for the State, St. Martin's Home remains on lockdown. We will continue this way until all threats of harm to your family member no longer exist.

We do encourage you to continue to join your loved one through window visits. Please also take advantage of their ability to "visit" by Facetime, Zoom and Skype. Please call ahead to arrange a special time to speak with a Resident, by contacting Sister Lourdes or our Social Worker, Mary Eff, at 410.744.9367.

This moment reminds me that we are all connected like never before. We are called upon to be witnesses of hope, enduring all with patience, understanding, compassion and most of all, prayer. On behalf of all the Little Sisters of the Poor, we are committed to our mission to the elderly whom we care for here at St Martin's and we will persevere together in all the days and weeks ahead. Our prayers are for you and your families to stay well and for this pandemic to end soon.

God bless you!

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior