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

It is our mission at St. Martin's to always keep the lines of communication open with our Residents and their loved ones. We hope that the sharing of this information helps alleviate some of the anxiety you must be feeling as a result of this worldwide pandemic.

As we end another week of facing the COVID-19 virus, I want to assure you that we continue being vigilant in our precautions as we care for each Resident. We are grateful to the Lord, that there are no cases among our Residents and Little Sisters. There are no new cases among our staff and three of the 4 staff who previously tested positive, remain asymptomatic and after 2 negative COVID-19 tests have returned to work. One staff member remains in quarantine at home until we receive the results of 2 negative tests.

The coronavirus has changed all of our everyday lives and how we interact with others. We suddenly lost many things we took for granted and are being asked to make sacrifices to safeguard the health of others as well as our own. This is not easy, but it is surely a consolation to know that this is a perfect example of loving our neighbor as ourselves. I would like to encourage you all to take the utmost care in terms of personal safety, and to follow, as we do, the guidelines of Governor Hogan, the Maryland Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and CMS, as to when further restrictions may be lifted for nursing homes and things may return to some normalcy in our lives.

While St. Martin's Home remains on lockdown, our present circumstances focus us on other ways of looking at life and remind us that prayer is the greatest gift and power that we have. Thank you for your trust and understanding during this challenging time. We are committed to addressing every new challenge this pandemic brings, while remaining true to our mission of caring for those who need us most —the needy elderly. We know how important your presence is to your loved one, so please continue to use alternative methods of visitation such as window visits, Facetime, Zoom and Skype.

Prayer unites us as a community in praising God, asking St. Joseph for his intercession to keep all of us safe and believing that the day will come when we can welcome you again in person to visit with your loved one here. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I want to assure you that you remain in the thoughts and prayers of the Little Sisters.

Please be safe, God bless and keep well,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
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