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

Since we received all the test results from last week, we are happy there have been no new positive cases of COVID-19. We are blessed so far this week as the majority of tests have also come back negative, but we still await approximately 12 more test results to have them all complete. The two previous employees who tested positive are quarantined in their homes awaiting two negative test results before returning to work at St. Martin's Home.

Last week, Maryland saw its lowest statewide positivity rate since COVID began; although the State's percentages and results from last week's testing were encouraging, we know that things may change at any moment, so we continue with all of our necessary precautions. This week, Mrs. Yumi Hogan, 1st Lady of Maryland, paid an outside visit to the Little Sisters to thank us personally for the care given to our Residents and for our strict adherence to the Governor's mandates and the guidelines of the Maryland Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and CMS.

Thank you for understanding and cooperating with our restricted visitation policy. Although the State approved our outdoor in-person visiting plan, we have to postpone the implementation of outdoor visits until everyone here in the Home is negative. This isn't easy for you or your loved one, but please know every precaution we take is for their health and safety. I know you join us in praying that all test results will be negative so we can start our outdoor visits soon.

Our doors may be closed to visitors right now, but our online community is open, and our Residents really enjoy you reaching out to them through Skype, Zoom, email, telephone, FaceTime and other available platforms. Our Residents continue to be resilient and patient, but nothing compares to a "visit" from you. Perhaps the key to getting through a tough times like a global pandemic is to wake up each day with a purpose while they patiently await the day they can hug you once again.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, the Residents and the staff of St. Martin's Home pray for you daily and for the end to the pandemic. Rest assured that all precautions to keep your loved one safe are being adhered to.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior