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

These last several months have been unprecedented times of uncertainty and change. As we tentatively and hesitatingly try to enter our new "normal," we feel more than ever the need for our God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. As the world continues to adapt, rest assured that we will keep prioritizing both compassion and care in all decisions we make. And as always, our #1 guiding principle is to maximize the health and well-being of our Residents.

The global COVID-19 pandemic has changed life as we know it. Because our beloved Residents are more vulnerable to the virus and its complications, we understand we shoulder a tremendous responsibility. Everyone has faced the challenges of COVID-19 as it swiftly presented itself along with its severity and the lasting effects seems to have taken everyone by surprise.

We continue to follow the guidelines of the Maryland Department of Health and are doing everything we can do to protect our Residents. With this week's round of testing we have all the results back and we have no new cases. We are happy to share this news with you because we value your trust.

The guidelines tell us that all test results must be negative for 14 days before we can open up for outdoor visitation. So please join your prayers to ours, that next weeks testing will be negative and then we could have outdoor visits.

We are proud of our staff and encourage everyone to stay safe and help us in this fight against this invisible enemy so we can welcome you for a visit. The Residents are so looking forward to a family visit from their loved ones! This means a lot to them and I'm sure to you also.

Let's do all we can to help flatten the COVID-19 curve and choose healthy options for the good of all.

During this next week, and while our outdoor visits are curtailed, we urge you to continue your dedication to your loved one through Skype, FaceTime, Zoom, window visits, phone calls, text messages, etc.

We will move forward together supporting one another through the shared commitment to our mission of caring for the elderly.

Most sincerely,

Sister Joseph Caroline

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior