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

Our journey through this unprecedented challenge is continually evolving. The Little Sisters are proud of the work being done by our faithful staff and grateful for the support we receive from our Residents and their families as we work through this pandemic together. Everyone connected with St. Martin's has poured their hearts into keeping COVID-19 from entering our Home and to keeping Residents connected and supported. They have done this sacred work with care, creativity and love for those we serve.

In last week's letter, I mentioned one of our employees notified us that while off-duty they were possibly exposed to the Coronavirus. The employee is taking all necessary precautions and will be tested for COVID-19 before returning to work. In the interim, all staff were tested as usual on Monday and any Resident that may have been in contact with the employee was also tested.

I am very happy to report our St. Martin's Home once again this week remains virus-free, which means visits may continue with the proper protocols in place. Please make sure your signed visitation policy is returned to us prior to your visit and remember only two visitors per Resident are allowed. If you need a visitation policy, please contact our Social Worker, Mary. For the logistics in setting up an outdoor or indoor visit or connecting through technology, please talk to Danielle, our Activities Director.

Although business as usual is anything but usual, we adapt to this new reality daily. And while no one knows how long it will last, one thing is for sure: St. Martin's Home is stronger than ever. We remain invigorated by our Residents, their families and our staff and their efforts to minimize the risk of COVID-19. And we continue to work closely with the Governor's office, CDC, CMS, and the Maryland Department of Health. As we are following their recommended guidance and the positivity rate for our County remains under 5%, we will not be doing the weekly testing next week. So please don't be alarmed if you do not hear from us then. If anything changes, we will let you know.

We pray that God will continue to bless you and your families and that He will continue to keep his watchful eye on our dear Residents of St. Martin's Home, our staff and their families. And of course, the Little Sisters, too.

Most sincerely,

Sister Joseph Caroline

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior