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

On this blessed St. Joseph's Day, the Little Sisters thank our patron Saint for all his care and protection since we arrived in Baltimore 152 years ago. But I would especially like to thank good St. Joseph for his special protection during this past year as we have faced the COVID-19 pandemic. St. Joseph is not only a kind, humble, and diligent Saint who was chosen by God to be the faithful, loving spouse of the Blessed Mother and the earthly guardian of Jesus, but he is a Saint that all of us can call on for protection from any type of harm. On this special feast day, Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., was here to celebrate Mass in our chapel for the Little Sisters and our beloved Residents. It was a beautiful Mass appreciated by all in attendance.

As always, we are working hard to keep everyone at St. Martin's Home safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Our Residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Our staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use the many hand sanitizing stations we have throughout our Home and to also frequently wash their hands when they are here and out in the community.

To date, our visitations are going smoothly as families connect with our Activities Director, Danielle, regarding scheduling. Of course, we must adhere to some limitations but we are excited that you have this opportunity to visit with your loved one. As happy and contented as they are, your face is what they want to see.

Because of a state positivity rate of less than 5%, routine COVID-19 testing will now occur less frequently. Our next regular testing day is Monday, March 22. In the event of a positive test result you will be kept informed, and the frequency of the testing will change. We hope and pray that everyone here will remain well so that we will be able to open our doors even more, soon.

As I write these words, the crocuses, daffodils, and tulips planted last fall are beginning to peek through the soil. Green shoots of new life spring up where just days ago there was snow dominating a bleak landscape that seemed to forbid any hope of rebirth. Soon we will bless the new fire at the Easter vigil and we will recount the story of our salvation. We have just lived through the longest Lent of our lives – twelve months of isolation and the constant reminder that "to dust we will return." Springtime is here. Easter is coming. We who have suffered and grieved with one another, cried with one another, now are called to newness of life together. A people of hope. From this time of pandemic, we hope will come a new appreciation for the gift of gathering in homes, churches, and everywhere else. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.  
Superior