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

The elderly we are privileged to care for are amazing people who inspire us with their resilience, grace and spirit. Through their gratitude and words of encouragement, our Residents often raise the spirits of the Little Sisters and the staff. In some ways, the shared experience of the pandemic created a special bond between Little Sisters, Residents and staff.

From the onset of the coronavirus, St. Martin's Home has focused on making sure Residents, staff and family members alike were kept informed regarding our response to the pandemic and evolving directives from health officials, the ongoing case status and what we were doing to keep your loved ones safe.

This week's testing was once again negative and for that we thank God and our good St. Joseph who watches over us. The positivity rate in Maryland this week is again over 5% so weekly testing continues. It is hard to believe that we have passed the one-year mark since the beginning of this COVID pandemic. We are continuing to follow all the protocols set by the Department of Health, the CDC, and Governor Hogan's office to keep everyone safe.

During this past year, many of the Residents wanted to learn more about Zoom as a means of staying connected to their families in a new way for them. So, we had to get creative and help them explore this new way that they could communicate with you. They love being able to see your faces, the faces of their loved ones which they do not forget. Other Residents loved it when their families continue the outdoor window visits and brought balloons while others held signs outside conveying messages of love and support.

Now that we have passed through Lent to this Easter season, which has brought with it the signs of new life and rejuvenation, our spirits are raised as they see the green grass and flowers appearing outdoors. The flowering trees outside the windows have been exquisite this year and they have been happy to see all the beautiful flowers in the Chapel which were a donation this year. Being able to be in the chapel is a great delight for many of them as they thank the Lord for his Providence and his Protection of themselves and their loved ones during this pandemic.

As family members, you are a very important part of their life and our St. Martin's family. We have enjoyed seeing the indoor family members who have been able to come and have a visit with their loved ones. If you want to come, please contact Danielle to set up a visit.

We pray for you daily and appreciate your thoughts, your prayers, and your continued support of our efforts to help maintain the health and safety of those we are blessed to serve.

Most sincerely,

Sister Joseph Caroline



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