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

As we enter into the month of May, we thank God and our good St. Joseph for the beauty of spring all around us and for the continued re-opening of our state. Thank you for believing in and supporting our mission of caring for the needy elderly with compassion, respect, and dignity. This is strengthened by our pro-life commitment to witness the dignity of all human beings and by our recognition of our Residents' richness of wisdom and experience of their years.

Although the world changed this past year, our commitment to providing the safest care environment possible never wavered. The recent health crisis challenged us to go even farther – imagining new, creative ways to deliver the best care in a manner that is safer for everyone. Our beloved Residents safety was, is, and always will be our first priority.

The journey of the elderly is at the heart of our mission. Part of any journey means facing new challenges as they are given to us. One of those challenges certainly was COVID-19. Our Residents and their families, the Little Sisters and all of our staff faced this challenge together and we are stronger for it. It is time now to look forward – forward to accompanying your loved one as they joyfully continue their life's journey.

Again, the results of our weekly testing of Residents and staff were negative. As of this week Wednesday, the guidelines from CDC and the Maryland Department of Health have changed. We are still in the process of interpreting them to see how this will affect our Residents, Staff, and our Home. We are excited that the State of Maryland's positivity rate is below 5%, and during this week Baltimore County positivity rate has also gone below 5%. We are reviewing and will be updating our visitation policy and hope to have it to you during the coming week.

Please contact our activities department for assistance with scheduling indoor/outdoor or virtual visits. There are still protocols in place, and we thank you for helping to keep your loved one safe. We need to continue to screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon entering St. Martin's, being attentive to performing hand hygiene and to wear a mask for the safety of others. If you are sick or have been in close contact with a confirmed positive case, please reschedule your visit.

We hope that many of you can get the vaccine once you have the opportunity to do so. Getting vaccinated is just one tool that can help us beat this invisible enemy. Please pray for the safety of our Little Sisters and Residents in the other countries who are seeing an increase of COVID around their areas.

We assure all of you, family and friends, that you remain in our daily prayers.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior