

June 29, 2020

Dear Residents, Staff, Benefactors and Friends,

Joy is in the air at the Home and the “family spirit” is alive. We just celebrated Nursing Assistants Week. We are grateful to all our staff, but this past week highlighted the many hidden, thoughtful and charitable things our Nursing Assistants do each day for our dear Residents. Everyone enjoyed honoring them!

Weekly testing for Covid-19 continues for all staff and **the results continue to be negative for all**. *Thank you for your prayers and please continue them.* We had a State infection control inspection of our Residential Unit and it went well. We are making plans for the next steps we can take to have a more “normal” daily life. **Following the CMS regulations** we are submitting our policies on (1) how we can take a small step toward returning to the dining rooms and (2) allowing family visitations. We promise to let you know when we get the approvals and how it will work. *We sincerely ask you to please help us keep the restrictions that are ongoing at this moment.*

- Masks covering nose and mouth must be worn inside and outside of the Home.
- Packages for Residents are to be dropped off at the front desk even if the Resident is sitting outside.
- No visits.

Our prayers of gratitude continue for our Benefactors who continue to support us so generously. We barely articulated we needed hot soup containers and 8 ounce hot and cold cups and the donations came in. These are an ongoing need. We are also grateful to Relevant Radio who interviewed Sr. Constance, our Communication Director, who was a front-line worker with us for over 2 months. Bishop Malooly continues to be a fatherly support and encouragement for us, as do other priests of the Diocese. The Knights of Columbus throughout the diocese have done extra-ordinary outreach for us. To them and their supports, thank you and we need you!

We picked out the first winner of our 10-week raffle and the winner was a benefactor who has reached out to help us during this time, *so the winning is so much more special!*

Together with Saint Jeanne Jugan we say. *“Blessed be God!. All Glory to God! Thanks be to God!”*

Gratefully,

Mother Margaret Regina and the Community of Little Sisters.