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Dear family and friends,

I am happy to let you know that this has been another COVID-19 free week here in our Home. We hope that it has been the same in your own homes as well. The 3_{rd} round of staff testing is set for Monday, July 20, 2020. Please God all will go well.

As you all heard in the news, California officials have now re-implemented all restrictions following a surge in COVID-19 cases. This is so disheartening for all of us but if this is what it takes to stop the spread of the virus, then we will surely comply with these restrictions. Please keep your balcony visits (contact Sisters), phone and video calls properly scheduled and arranged. This way, you are helping us maintain your loved one's wellbeing.

Next year, 2021, marks the 150th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Pontmain, also known as Our Lady of Hope. This apparition, which took place in Pontmain, France is dear to the hearts of the Little Sisters. To honor this special occasion, our Mother General has launched an international prayer chain (which started on March 25, 2020 and will end on January 17, 2021) to pray for an increase of vocations to the Little Sisters of the Poor. St. Anne's day of prayer is July 25, 2020.

Earlier this year, we had planned to invite families and friends to our Home to join us for this day of prayer and adoration; but because of this pandemic, this is not possible now. On Saturday, July 25th, while in the comfort of your home, I invite you to join us in prayer for vocations. This way, you can unite yourselves with the St. Anne's community as we pray to God to send future Little Sisters to care, serve and provide for the needs of elderly.

Again, thank you for your generosity and cooperation. May you continue to enjoy this wonderful summer season.

God Bless You.

Mother Thurm