

May 1, 2020

Dear Family Members,

I pray you all are continuing to stay safe and well. Thank you so much for keeping us in your thoughts prayers.

I am happy to inform you that we have had no new Covid-19 cases this week. The staff member that I mentioned last week continues to recover at home. In the meantime, we have had no Residents or staff with symptoms or a positive diagnosis.

As we expected, the shelter in place directive has been extended. This means that we will continue our no visitor policy and the Residents will still only be able to go out for critical appointments. I know this is disappointing. Despite this, most of the Residents maintain a positive outlook, even though it has been a long time since they have seen you all face to face. We are doing everything we can to keep your loved ones engaged in activities that they enjoy. The Sisters continue to check in with the Residents twice daily to not only take their temperatures and blood pressure but to encourage, support and listen to everyone's concerns. And as much as we all miss gathering for Mass each day, we continue to provide spiritual nourishment in the form of daily communion and the rosary prayed together each afternoon.

As I mentioned in my first letter, I know that without being able to see your loved ones or at least hear their voices, it is hard not to worry. Towards that end, we are making a concerted effort to help families make these connections. Santana from Activities has been helping with phone calls. Our social worker Beth has been helping many of the Residents connect with their families via zoom, facetime, whatsapp and more. Please feel free to contact Beth by phone at extension 115 or by email at sssanfran@littlesistersofthepoor.org if you would like to arrange a brief face to face connection. I realize it has been a long time for some of you.



As I discussed last week, Tim continues to work hard providing interesting shows and activities via channel 44. In fact, many other staff are participating as well. The channel has proved to be a great way to stave off loneliness and boredom while maintaining social distance.

Thank you again for all your support, understanding and generosity. We could not do this without all of you. Our wish list is slightly different this week, thanks to A.J.J, members and the Auxiliary we have received over 90 liters of hand sanitizer this week. **We need toothpaste, body lotion and mouth wash.** Once again thank you for your support and great generosity.

God Bless,

P.S. Donations of toothpaste, body lotion and mouth wash can be dropped off at the front door. Thanks!