



May 21, 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

With the grace of God, we all continue to be COVID-19 free and everyone is doing alright. The sisters and I are sending you all caring thoughts and well wishes.

This is to inform you that the resident and staff COVID-19 testing that was scheduled on May 18 was postponed to May 26th. This is due to the fact that the San Francisco Department of Public Health laboratory is overwhelmed. Should there be changes in the schedule again, I would definitely let you know.

This is the 10th week of the shelter in place order. I hope you continue to arrange video chats or do phone calls to keep your loved ones connected and assure them they are not forgotten.

Many residents are enjoying their time chatting with their neighbors across the hallways. A number of residents spend some time walking around the backyard and enjoy sitting outside, meditating near the Home's grotto area. Others enjoy watching channel 44 lineups and spending their time participating in the fun-filled programs and games set by our activities staff. The activities staff continue to prioritize finding ways to keep the residents meaningfully engaged in doing things that they love.

On a sad note, our chaplain, Fr. William Marshall, after a very prolonged illness went to heaven yesterday. He was well loved and will surely be missed by everyone here at the Home. Please join us in prayer for the repose of the soul of our dear chaplain.

My never-ending thanks to you all for your prayers and support. I am in awe of the various gestures of generosity from everyone during this time of need.

God Bless you,

Mother Thuermer