

July 26, 2020

Dear Resident Families,

The staff and Little Sisters have continued to be tested and all results were negative last week. The Residents have already been tested twice and their first test results were all negative. We are awaiting the results of the second testing and are hopeful that these too will remain negative. As you know from a phone call from the Little Sister on your loved one's unit, one Little Sister and one employee tested inconclusive on July 6, 2020. We treated them as presumed positive and they have done a furlough of 14 days. Fortunately, neither became ill and they have now both tested negative and have returned to full duty. Let us pray that all will continue to test negative so that soon we will be able to plan for family visitation. More about that in my next letter.

We are all striving to live with the present situation. It doesn't seem like the coronavirus is going away. Again, I must tell you that the Residents are admirable! They give us Little Sisters reason to thank God for our vocation.

The Residents who are Catholic have begun to receive Holy Communion again. Their faith is strong and edifying. The following can give you an idea of how happy they are:

- One Little Sister recounted: "After three months, the Residents were allowed to receive Holy Communion. It was touching to see them sitting in their doorways waiting to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Several had tears in their eyes and others put their hand out with such longing in their eyes. It was a grace to see their faith in the Real Presence."
- Another Little Sister recounted: "A Resident who met me in the hallway, thanked me for bringing her Holy Communion. Her desire to have Jesus dwelling in her heart means a lot to her. She is very content to live under the same roof as Jesus and was very grateful to attend daily Mass before the pandemic."
- This same Little Sister recounted yet another touching story: "A Resident who recently moved into the Home found it difficult to make the transition. She misses her family very much. She is a very devout lady, always praying from an old prayer book that she carries with her. One day, while receiving Holy Communion, she was in tears and asked Jesus to lighten her burden as she places her loving trust in Him."

As we celebrate today the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we ask them to watch over our "grandparents" here at Queen of Peace.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Sister Celine Thérèse