

March 6, 2021

Dear Residents' Families,

The Covid-19 test results keep coming back negative and we're happy about that! We're still doing what we have to do to keep everyone safe. All of you have received the Policy on Visitation and the Visitation Guidance Handout and some of you have already come for an indoor visit.

I mentioned in the last letter that we were brainstorming as to what we could do during this month dedicated to Saint Joseph as well as during this year dedicated to him. Five minutes before the recitation of the rosary each day in the chapel, a Little Sister is reading from different sources about Saint Joseph. In this way, every Resident who wishes may hear and see Sister via TV. She has begun by reading excerpts from the letter of Pope Francis for this year dedicated to Saint Joseph. For the feast of Saint Joseph, on March 19, we are arranging for a "Saint Joseph's Table." The idea originated in Sicily during the Middle Ages. It seems that there was a drought and famine there. Prayers to Saint Joseph were lifted up and the rains came down! A celebration was then organized in his honor. Our lay Associates, Auxiliary members, as well as employees have offered to bring desserts. Since we can't get together to enjoy the delicacies, different floors will organize how everyone will get to enjoy the treats.

We have recently announced to the employees that Sister Sheila Ann Therese is stepping down from the position of Director of Nursing after serving in that position for 35 years in various Homes! We have just started a search for a lay person who will take on the role of Director of Nursing. No commitments have been made as yet. We all owe Sister Sheila a debt of gratitude for all she has done, and continues to do, here at Queen of Peace, especially for keeping everyone safe during this time of the pandemic. Please pray for her as well as for the person who will eventually try to "fill her shoes."

Our Activity Director, along with the financial help of a member of one of the Residents' families, is looking into the possibility of each of the ladies in the skilled nursing units making an Easter bonnet! Although they won't be parading on "the Avenue, Fifth Avenue," as the song goes, we hope they will enjoy showing off their bonnets to each other and to the passers-by to their rooms.

May you take hope and courage from Christ's Pasion during this Lenten Season. Keep safe! God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Sister Celine Thérèse