

April 29, 2020

Dear Family Members,

In the words of our Mother Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan: “Blessed be God! Thank you, my God! Glory be to God! We rejoice because our Resident who was confirmed positive for Covid-19, has after more than 14 days and two tests, been affirmed NEGATIVE! On Monday, isolation was terminated.

You will be glad to know that our staff member, who was also confirmed positive for Covid-19, returned to work on Saturday, April 23, after 21 days.

Our thoughts and prayers still go out to the many elderly in skilled nursing facilities who continue to suffer with this virus. And of course, we remember those who have died because of it.

Our Residents are getting cabin fever. They do not yet have the freedom to move around the Home as they’d like. They miss going to the chapel, getting their hair done and just “hanging out” with others. They are admirable and a real example to us!

Members of our staff have done over and above. And many, many people have come to our aid in different ways. I would like to share with you the goodness of a staff member and that of a young volunteer:

One member of our staff had been very sick and hospitalized for three weeks, but is now at home. However, it will take him a long time to recover due to his complicated health. His supervisor kept phoning him and his wife to learn of his improvements and supported them in many ways. Recently, we were able to give a small bonus check to each member of our staff. The supervisor gave his bonus check to his co-worker to buy food and to use for personal needs!

A young girl, who is a Lector at Mass on Saturdays and who volunteers on the 3rd floor with her mother, texted one of the Little Sisters on a few occasions to ask how everyone was. On one occasion, in which the Little Sister answered and told of the generosity of benefactors, the girl responded that she had spoken to her mother, her grandparents and neighbors and wanted to know how they could help. After receiving an answer from the Little Sister that it would be nice to have some Easter candy for the Residents’ baskets, she texted to say that her mother would drop off some Easter candy. But, I guess that wasn’t enough! Her mother phoned shortly after to say that she would drop off some groceries in a half hour.

The saying “God writes straight with crooked lines” has certainly been evident these past weeks. Our prayers continue for an end to this pandemic so that you can be united with your loved ones. Please God, it will be soon!

God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Mother Celine Thérèse, I.s.p.