

August 31, 2020

Dear Resident Families,

Before this month comes to a close, I want to write to let you know that, thanks be to God, everyone in the Home, including our staff, continues to test negative for COVID-19. We are hopeful that it will remain that way. Today, Little Sisters and staff are being tested and will be tested again on September 8. Soon, we will be testing the Residents again.

Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of Saint Jeanne Jugan in the intimacy of the Little Sisters and Residents. There was no bishop to celebrate Mass. Father Evans Julce, our chaplain, celebrated Mass in the fourth floor corridor for the apartment Residents and then in our chapel, where the Little Sisters were gathered. Residents in the skilled nursing units participated via TV. After Mass, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal of either filet mignon or cornish hen, topped off, if they so desired, with a glass of wine! There was no Mister Softee this year, but everyone enjoyed the ice cream scooped from our kitchen. The kitchen staff did over and above to make the day a special one for the Residents.

On Saturday evening, we had a prayer vigil in honor of Saint Jeanne Jugan. Again, it was only the Little Sisters in the chapel, but the Residents were able to follow on TV. What a blessing is the close circuit TV!

Sunday, August 23, was a special day for the 9 young women who made their perpetual profession as Little Sisters of the Poor, at our Motherhouse in France. Because no families were able to be there, the ceremony was live-streamed via You Tube. There were two American Little Sisters among the group. Both will be returning to the United States when travel is possible and safe. One will be going to Baltimore, Maryland and the other to Saint Paul, Minnesota.

As Saint Jeanne Jugan watches over all of us here, may she watch over you and all those who are part of the Queen of Peace family. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Sister Celine Thérèse