

December 9, 2020

Dear Resident Families,

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a special day for Little Sisters, for it is the day we renew our vows each year. It was different this year, as everything else has been in the past months. Because of social distancing, we could not gather together as we normally do. However, we each held a lighted candle as we renewed our vows maintaining social distancing all the while!

Because one of our employees tested positive for COVID-19 two weeks ago, we have had to go back to testing twice a week. For you, also, it has meant you have only been allowed window visits. Last week, everyone tested had negative results, thank God, and we hope that continues.

As you have probably heard or read, the Coronavirus vaccine will be administered to residents and staff of nursing homes during the month of December, but we do not have a date as yet. As we are not allowed to keep the vaccine in the Home, pharmacists from CVS will come to Queen of Peace and administer the vaccine to everyone in one day – Residents, Little Sisters and employees. Next month, they will come again to administer the second dose. The details are being worked out and once we have more information, all the Residents and their families will be involved in the decision-making process and education.

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. Here at Queen of Peace, we tried to make it special for the Residents. Little Sisters with turkey, ham and carving knives in hand cut the slice of meat that the Resident wanted. Of course, wine was served as well. Although the Residents had to participate in the Mass via TV, they joined us in thanking God for his many blessings during the past year. God has been good to us in so many ways, especially by keeping us safe!

We were humbled by the many people who came to drop off a turkey or ham on November 14. Also, without asking, schools have come forward with canned goods collections. Among these are Kellenberg and Chaminade High Schools, who have changed the focus from a Thanksgiving collection to an Advent collection.

In this season of preparation for Christmas, let us not forget the reason for the season: JESUS! May this Advent be a time for each of us to draw closer to the Lord. God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Sister Celine Thérèse