

December 22, 2020

Dear Resident Families,

We're sorry that our good news last week was so quickly followed by restrictions again! We are now being tested twice a week. As of last Friday, everyone tested negative. We were tested again yesterday and we await results. We will be tested again on Thursday, Christmas Eve.

For some good news about Christmas Eve, the Little Sisters from the Novitiate (there are no novices for the moment!) will be coming to sing just before the 4:30 p.m. Mass as they usually do on Christmas Eve. The only change is the location. Instead of singing from the tribune of the chapel, they will be singing in the sanctuary. That will give all the Residents the opportunity to see and hear them on closed-circuit TV.

We thank those of you who have already responded concerning the Coronavirus vaccine and we encourage those who have not done so as yet, to do so as soon as possible. As of today, we have nothing new to report. We are still waiting to know the date when the first group will be vaccinated. We have met with our staff to inform them about it. We, Little Sisters, will take the vaccine. It is our only hope of putting an end to Covid-19 and leading a normal life.

Our Home is "beginning to look a lot like Christmas." The decorations have been up throughout the Home and yesterday, the trees and nativity set (without the Infant!) were set up in the chapel. We look forward to having some poinsettia plants by tomorrow. We're sorry you won't be able to see how beautiful our Home looks inside, even in the midst of a pandemic. But, if you're near our neighborhood, please ride through the property. It will be worth your while! Our staff did a great job!

Last week, we were happy to give the Residents special attention for their "parties." They were visibly pleased. In a thank you note from a woman in one of the skilled units, we read: "It was thoughtful and generous, to let us have some fun time. The party was great, & so were the goodies.... Thanks to you Mother, and to the Sisters and others who gave their time for us to enjoy!"

The Little Sisters join me in wishing you, and your families, a Blessed Christmas! May you know the hope and the peace that the Christ Child came to bring.

God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Sister Celine Thérèse