



## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

April 28, 2020

Dear Family,

I am happy to send this weekly update, letting you know how your loved ones are doing and what is happening in our Home. All of us are hoping that this will help put your mind at ease and allay some of the loneliness that you may feel since visiting is not possible.

There have been no cases of COVID-19 in our home, this includes the Sisters and staff. All are required to wear masks through their entire shift and while in the Home. Social distancing is maintained Hand washing, sanitizing, and glove usage are mandated.

Each department in our Home is becoming very innovative in caring for the residents. Residents are served their meals in their room. Our Activities Department works diligently each day to create new and exciting ways to keep our residents entertained. With "hats off" to technology, Skype, Zoom, email, are part of a daily routine. Someone even generously donated an iPod to give more people a chance. From the comfort of their doorway, "Hall Way Bingo" is one of the highlights of the day! Planting flowers was delightful, and weather permitting, the residents are able to take a walk, get some fresh air, and enjoy the beauties of nature which surround us. Residents are accompanied when outside, safety and avoiding any contacts is very important. Weather permitting, the residents go outside as much as possible.

We know the importance of residents being able to participate in church services, and this they miss very much. We do not have daily Mass since Covid-19 began and are waiting for our chapel to be full again! Praying the Rosary, listening to an uplifting song, praying together, stopping by to say "hello" to our dear Lord in the chapel, is a reminder that God is with us and we are in the "Palm of His Hand" .

### **Helpful to know:**

Should you decide to visit your loved one, please remember that your visit will have to take place outside of their window or outside of the main hallway window of the facility. Feel free to decorate!

We discourage food parcels and packages; this is a safety precaution. Anything we receive at our front door is sanitized before being brought inside. Fresh food will not be accepted.

Please visit our website: Little Sisters of the Poor Louisville. There you will find a video of our Home and what is happening during this Covid-19 crisis. You will see some lovely pictures!

\*In the event that a COVID-19 case arises please know that all families will be informed.

A heartfelt "thank you" to all who have expressed so much thoughtfulness and encouragement to us. .

Thank you for entrusting your loved one to our care. It is our joy and privilege to serve them with love and respect.