

May 12, 2020

Dear Families and Friends,

Having just celebrated Mother's Day, it is a joy to tell you that the Residents really enjoyed this special day! Many visits were made by telephone, Face Book, Skype, Zoom! There were so many beautiful cards arriving in the mail, and many visits to the grounds of our Home, with smiles coming through the windows! The Sisters had a delightful time making paper flowers to put on the Residents' doors for Mother's Day; the Residents were very happy with this! They appreciate the smallest attention and are always so grateful. We all love them. Hopefully, you as well as the Residents, felt close to your loved ones. We realize how difficult being apart is for you, and we hope and pray this will end soon.

We continue to be safe, taking one day at a time here in our Home. We have no one now, nor have we had anyone with the virus in our Home. This being true, we are preparing for any possible case that could arrive, and we want to be ready if that happens. Staff are learning each day how important safety is — hand washing, masks, gowns when needed. Social distancing is a priority and a real safeguard. We are very grateful to our staff in all the departments for their dedication of coming in to work, and covering for one another if someone can't make it.

For those of you familiar with our Home, you know the chapel is in center in the main hall. We have not had Mass since early March, when the lockdown began. However, our beautiful chapel has its doors wide open and anyone passing by has a chance to whisper a prayer for all suffering, in any way, during this pandemic. I am sure that many a Resident's prayer is sent up to God for their loved ones during the 24 hours of each day!

Monday we continued our Mother's Day celebration with a "Banana Split door-way party"! We are getting very good at these parties; the Residents know just when to pull up their chairs and get ready! The kitchen staff did a great job making the banana splits for everyone, including staff.

During the past week, 2 members of the U of L Music Therapy Department came and played their guitars in the yard, so that the Residents could see and hear the music! It is very touching to see how many people want to be of help to bring the Residents happiness into their day. God is so good to us!

Sue Ruxer, one of our Residents, was one of three grand prize winners in a coronavirus art contest, and now she is quite famous in our Home! Her picture of a beautiful blue bird is on our blog. We have many Residents who love to draw and paint, any challenge to their talents is truly enjoyed. Sue will receive a prize for her drawing!

The Sisters join me in thanking you for your concern and support, which we experience every day. Above all, thank you for your understanding and for your prayers, which come to us in so many ways. I just mention some of the things we can use if you wish to send any help: supplies of paper towels, bathroom tissue, chlorine wipes, surgical masks, are all greatly appreciated. It's amazing how quickly we use up these supplies!

Asking God to bless you in every way, and promising you our prayers,

Mother Paul, lsp