

July 1, 2020

Greetings to each of you, dear families of our Residents,

As we begin this new month of July, I am sure that like all of us here at St. Joseph's Home, you are hoping and praying that this pandemic of Covid-19 will come to an end. May God hear our prayer!

We are grateful to say that at present we have no cases of Covid-19 in our Home. Our Sisters and our staff are negative also. The care and safety measures, as well as a strict following of the regulations of our State, are a tribute to the Residents themselves, and to our devoted staff and Sisters. We work as a team, and we care for each Resident and co-worker.

God called home to Himself one of our Residents who was in the hospital. Needing care beyond what we could offer, a hospital stay was necessary. May God's peace surround all the many sick and suffering, and strengthen all those caring for them. We have two Residents in the hospital but not because of a Covid-19 concern.

There is plenty of vim and vigor in our Home, no lack of things to do and activities to enjoy! Maria and Gina, assisted by staff and Sisters, do a wonderful job of keeping the Residents happy with daily sing-alongs, Bingo, Rosary and Prayer, and treats to enjoy. Taking walks outside is what the Residents enjoy most. Needless to say, there are many of our staff who enjoy accompanying them.

Governor Andy Beshaer has designated July 15<sup>th</sup> as the day Long Term Care Skilled Facilities may begin allowing visitors into their homes. We will begin carefully, requiring the restrictions of 6 feet distancing, wearing a face mask, and handwashing. We ask initially that it be family that come to visit. There is a questionnaire to be filled out, referencing symptoms and any previous Covid-19 contact, which we will ask you to complete when you arrive. Children will not be allowed at this time; visitors are limited to two in number, and to one-half hour. Please call Oglanda (502-636-2300, x 216 or email [sslouisville@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:sslouisville@littlesistersofthepoor.org)) in Social Service to schedule the time of your desired visit.

I can assure you that you are in our daily prayers and those of the Residents; God keep you safe and well, and as we celebrate this great Fourth of July holiday let us pray together for peace in our country.

God bless you and thank you,

Mother Paul, lsp