



## Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this challenging time. Last Sunday was Corpus Christi Sunday, and the Residents were so happy that the Sisters brought them Communion on this sacred feast. Father Sullivan then processed through the units carrying the monstrance. It was a most solemn and touching experience for them.

The PA Department of Health has mandated testing of all Residents and staff of long term care facilities. All Residents in the skilled nursing and personal care units, except for those who had already tested positive in the past, have been tested. All were negative except for one Resident in the skilled nursing. This Resident is in isolation and under droplet precautions for 21 days, and the staff is using additional PPE (personal protection equipment) when caring for the Resident.

About 95% of our staff have been tested, except for those who have already tested positive. As of yesterday, all the results have so far been negative.

Our apartment Residents remain healthy, mostly thanks to their following the guidelines for sheltering in place, handwashing, and social distancing. Despite the inconveniences, our Residents have been cooperative and understanding, for which we are grateful. We ask for your patience and endurance for a little bit longer.

Although Philadelphia has entered the yellow zone, nursing homes, personal care homes, and other congregate facilities will have a longer waiting period because of the vulnerability of the elderly population to COVID-19. Currently, the Department is mandating that the restrictions for nursing homes will remain in effect for at least 28 more days after the beginning of the Green Phase in the counties. Thus, there will continue to be daily screening, wearing of masks, no visitors allowed, and no group activities or meals in the dining rooms. Residents should go out only for essential appointments. All this will help us keep down the number of positive cases.

It has been a little over three months since the no visitors policy has been implemented, which has been very hard on both our Residents and their families. We would like to offer the opportunity of 15 minute *drive-by visits*, where you would come to the Home, you would stay in the car and we will have the Resident seated outside, six feet away from your car, and you can have a little chat. Both you and the Resident must wear face masks. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Cathy Moffit at 215-729-5153 or email her at [phsocialservices@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:phsocialservices@littlesistersofthepoor.org) to set up a date and time.

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Families have been taking advantage of setting up FaceTime calls with their loved ones. If you would like to set up a call, please reply to this e-mail and provide us with your name, Resident's name and phone number ([phdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:phdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org)).

Thank you all for your prayers and for following all the precautionary guidelines we have put into place. Let us all work together to keep each other safe and healthy. Let us continue to pray for each other, especially those who are sick with the virus, that God's Divine Mercy will protect us and keep us healthy and that there may soon be an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sincerely,

*Mother Catherine lsp*

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President

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