

August 17, 2020

Dear friends and families,

With each letter I write to you reporting that our Home is still COVID-free I am humbled by God's deep outpouring of love and protection for our Residents and staff. It is hard to believe we are now in August! And while our situation is still stable, we strive to make our isolation days joyful and spirited while patiently waiting for the day we can safely welcome family and friends again.

August is a special month when we celebrate the Feast Day of our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the month we reflect on her compassion in taking a poor, blind woman into her simple apartment in 1839 and we marvel on God's work in transforming that gesture into a worldwide congregation that continues to care for the elderly poor. As with the loaves and the fishes, God multiplies good works and provides for us with loving care. We have activities planned throughout the month for our Residents and staff to learn about the humble life of St. Jeanne Jugan and to draw inspiration from her lessons:

*... In littleness God reveals his greatness, in the power of humility.*

*...The way of St. Jeanne Jugan is a way of joy – joyful living!*

*"JOY": "J" – Jesus first; "O" – Others second; "Y" – Yourself last.*

Distance cannot stop the many opportunities there are to bring joy to our Residents. Calls or video-chats from family, or mostly just notes, cards and letters mean the world to them. Our Residents love to get mail! Sadly, not all Residents have family to write them. However, if you send a note marked to '**A special Resident**' at our Little Sisters of the Poor address, we will see to it that the letter or card is given to someone without family.

Please check back here on our website periodically for updates and fresh pictures to see the spirit of our Home in action. Also, if you know of any nurses who might be looking for work and who would fit our mission, please have them contact us. Nurses are in high demand at this time and we need them too.

As we pray for you daily, please pray for us – for the Little Sisters, for vocations and for our dedicated staff members who provide compassionate and joyful care to all our Residents. Mostly pray for an end to this pandemic!

God Bless You,

*Mother Margaret and the Little Sisters*