

December 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

There are several updates that I need to pass along to you since I wrote a few days ago. Because we are in an outbreak mode right now, we continue to test both residents and staff frequently. On Sunday, Dec 20 we tested all Residents again. The Residents on the floor where one had tested positive on the 18<sup>th</sup> all tested negative. We are still waiting for the results for the Residents of the other two floors. We will test all Residents again later this week once this round of results is back.

However, late Monday, Dec 21, after testing all the staff, we received confirmation that two of our Little Sisters and one staff member tested positive. The two Little Sisters are quarantined in an isolation unit in the convent and the employee will quarantine from Home. The rest of the Sisters continue to be tested frequently and are distancing with proper PPE precautions. So far, the employee and two Sisters in isolation are not showing any symptoms and we ask your prayers for them particularly now.

Sadly, at this time we will discontinue distributing Communion to the Residents until the Sisters are out of outbreak precautions and we will not have Mass in the chapel. This will be particularly hard for our Residents at this Christmas time, but our dear Lord will be present for them in a Spiritual Communion.

In spite of the challenges, the spirit in our Home remains one of love and compassion for one another. We enjoy the festivities, music and beauty of our decorated house which provides hope and reminds us that Jesus too was born in the midst of hardships as an example and reassurance of His eternal love for us in all situations.

Be assured we are praying for you to have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

*Mother Margaret*