

November 23, 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

Blessed Greetings to you and your families this Thanksgiving. As I look back on the letter I wrote to you a year ago, I am joy filled and grateful for how far we have come through this devastating pandemic and how God's tender mercies and love have sustained all of us, especially the Residents and you, the families.

Last year we did not have vaccinations to help protect us. Today, all of our residents are vaccinated and all of our staff will be by the end of next week, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Last year residents were not allowed to leave our Home for Thanksgiving because of the very high risks and positivity. Today, I am excited to share with you the attachment with our new Visitation Guidance that has been updated and released by the CDC. These new guidelines are the closest to re-establishing pre-pandemic visitation rules. While visitors are still required to be pre-screened and wear masks in common areas in the Home, there is no limit on the number of visitors, no age restrictions or time restrictions on when or how long you can visit. Residents are welcome to leave as they choose, but are reminded to adhere to the core principals of infection control both in and out of the Home. Please read carefully the new Visitation Guidance attached.

***A Thanksgiving Prayer – “Holy Father in Heaven, Creator of everything and source of all goodness and love, please look favorably upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this period of thanks giving.***

*Lord thank you for all Your graces and blessings. Father, You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious beliefs. Our food and shelter, our health, the affection we have for one another, our family and friends.*

*Dear Father, in Your boundless generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.*

*This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Savior. Amen. “*

*Mother Margaret Patricia and all the Little Sisters*

