

May 7th, 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Our Residents,

Greetings from St. Joseph's Home and a Happy Mother's Day this coming Sunday to all our mothers during this month of May, in which we honor our Blessed Mother as well!

We have another update for you with good news! Our Residents on first floor were able to come out of quarantine this morning which made not only them, but all of us very happy. All of the Residents tested negative this past Tuesday which is also great news! We have only one staff member who tested positive but we were relieved to find out that despite that no one has to quarantine, the visits can continue near the front lobby or outside if it gets warm enough, and the Residents can continue to eat in the dining rooms together and participate in activities as long as they are socially distanced. We've even been able to welcome back a few of our volunteers on *a very limited basis* as long as they have been vaccinated and are willing to be tested along with our staff.

The other really good news we received from our contact at the State, who has been a real help to us, is that if there are Residents who are able, and family who would like to take the Resident home for a few hours or a day (*no overnight visits*) as long as the responsible family member can show us a copy of their vaccination card, the Resident can go home for a visit. *We just have to have proof that the family member has been fully vaccinated as well.*

We rejoice that our new Provincial, Mother Provincial Julie, is settling in and we are very happy to welcome Mother Mercy who arrived just the day before yesterday! They look forward to meeting one and all and getting to know you. Please check out our blog to see all the farewells and welcomes: [Blog - Little Sisters of The Poor Palatine](#)

This coming week sees two more Sisters leaving us: Sr. Sharon and Sr. Emma. Sr. Sharon is going to our Home in Louisville, KY and Sr. Emma is headed off to our Home in Kansas City, MS. We are grateful to both for all the service they have rendered. We will be welcoming back Sr. Pauline on Tuesday – many of you will remember her as she was here for many years. And the week after next, we welcome Sr. Laurentia, our Little Sister from Korea, who was also here before.

I think that is all the news for now! St. Joseph has been so good to us through all of you. A special thank you to all of you who have been so incredibly generous in helping us through this pandemic – either spiritually, financially, and/or materially. Truly we couldn't do it without you!

Today we are remembering in a special way on this First Friday, the country of India as they have been especially hit hard by this pandemic. Mother and so many of our staff have family and friends there as well as our Homes, who have been spared so far this round, but we pray for the safety and protection of all and for an end to this pandemic.

With our grateful prayers for all of your intentions,
Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Diane Therese, lsp
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