



Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Family Members and Friends,

This week our staff will be tested for COVID-19 at the direction of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). Per ISDH, this is the “first phase” testing to be done in all nursing homes in the state of Indiana in order to stop and reducing the spread of COVID-19. We are anxious to take this next step in order to further provide a protective environment for our residents.

Because the weather has been warmer and brighter, the staff have been taking the Residents out for walks around the property, along with scheduled, small outdoor activities. The “new normal” has been a positive experience for both staff and Residents. As we move through the stages set forth by Indiana, we are now able to bring our Residents together, in small groups, while still practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Additionally, we are now able to gather together and celebrate Eucharist as a family.

With regard to “family,” we are happy to welcome Sr. Albina to our Home. She will be the Sister looking over our assisted living Residents on St. Joseph and Holy Family Units. Prior to Sr. Albina’s arrival, Lourdes unit (2 East) welcomed Sr. Erin as their new Sister. Unfortunately, we did have to say goodbye to our “relief” Sister Faustina, who returned to her duties in Baltimore. We send her our love and gratitude for assisting us during this pandemic.

As I have indicated earlier, we are moving through the re-opening stages the state of Indiana has laid out; however, at a slower pace per the requirements for long-term care facilities. Our mission is to take care of and protect the most vulnerable. Because of this, we are navigating through the shores of a “new normal,” while striving to keep our Residents safe, as well as ensuring their social, spiritual, and emotional needs are met. Again, we thank all of you for your support and prayers for St. Augustine Home. Stay well and safe.

In Christ,

*Sr. Francis Gabriel Mary and all the Little Sisters at St. Augustine Home*