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Hello everyone,

The beautiful weather that we've been having has made all of us want to get outside this week and enjoy the sunshine. Today was the last of our 3 vaccination days and I'd like to share a little about how things are brightening up on the inside here, too.

I'm sure that many of you have seen on the news about the new CDC and CMS guidelines regarding people who have been fully vaccinated and Residents of long-term care homes. We are in the process of updating our policies in accord with these new guidelines and will be so very happy to see the close encounters that they will enable! Please be patient with us as we work through these — we would ask that you refrain from hugs until things are put in place. Our Home remains COVID-free and we are working our way through the reopening phases, cautiously optimistic while exercising prudence in the steps we take.

We have begun the novena (nine days of prayer) in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph next Friday. This Year of St. Joseph we have all the more reason to thank and honor our heavenly friend and patron of our Congregation. While we can't invite you to join us for the liturgy and celebration that day, we ask you to be united with us in this prayer of thanksgiving.

Finally, I would like to let everyone know that I will be leaving Chicago on the 22nd of this month to begin my transition into the role of provincial superior for the Chicago province of our Congregation. Once again, I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support, especially during this past year, and assure you of my prayers for you as we go forward in hope for a better future.

God bless,

Sr. Julie, lsp