

June 19, 2020

Hello everyone,

On this feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we Little Sisters are joining together all around the world to thank God for the vocation and ministry of our Mother General Maria del Monte Auxilidora. Each year we choose a special feast day to thank God for the gift of each Little Sister, and today is the day we give thanks for her. Throughout the pandemic, she has kept us abreast of the happenings in the various Homes throughout the world, so that we can support one another by our prayers and sacrifices and know that we are supported by others. She has offered her words of counsel and guidance and taken a personal interest in each Home and its happenings. We are blessed to have her leading us at this time.

We also thank God for the good news we have received with this week's round of testing for our Home. All of the Sisters' tests have come back negative, and the same so far for all of our Residents and employees (a number of results have not come in yet). However, we did learn that one contracted employee did test positive; that person has not worked at the Home since June 6th and is still out on leave.

Today the Illinois Department of Health issued guidance for the beginning of outdoor visitation for Residents with family members and friends. After 3 months of complete lockdown, this is certainly good news! We are blessed to have a large backyard to facilitate this, and look forward to helping everyone to reconnect live and in person, and not just virtually!

Wishing you a blessed weekend, and mindful also of the celebration of Juneteenth today, we ask God to watch over our country, our Home and each one of you.

God bless,

Sr. Julie, lsp