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I wanted to take this opportunity to provide an update on all we are doing here at St. Francis Senior Ministries. It has been nearly two months now since we have had to deal with the concerns of COVID-19 and these have been some challenging days for sure. I first of all want to thank all of our residents and their family members and loved ones for their continued support, understanding, and prayers during this extremely difficult time of the many changes we've had to put in place. I also want to thank all of our staff for their continued dedication to our residents and to each other. These are truly unprecedented times and I am very proud of how they have all handled it here at St. Francis. Each department has worked as a team to ensure our resident's needs are taken care of every day.

We continue to put our nursing home and assisted living residents and staff's health and safety as our number one priority and are remaining vigilant in those efforts. As a reminder, please remember that visitors are still not allowed to enter the building. If you want to visit your loved one please call the front desk and make an appointment for a window visit. These visits will take place seven days a week from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. Our staff are required to wear masks at all times, their temperatures are being taken each time they enter the building, hand washing and hand sanitizing is constantly being done as is wearing gloves and protective gear with any contact that needs to happen. We are also encouraging residents to cover their mouth and nose when a staff member enters their room. Our dietary staff are continuing to serve residents in their rooms and practicing all safety measures for those who need help with their meals. Our activity staff is always looking for ways to keep our residents engaged and as active as possible. It's been fun to see what they come up with and how our residents are enjoying it. Our pastoral care staff are making sure their spiritual and personal needs are met as well by offering opportunities for prayer or one on one visits just to talk and listen to our residents needs or concerns. We also are continuing to practice social distancing at all times. Our residents at Elizabeth Schaefer Apartments are participating in "Hall Activities and Exercises" a few times a week with the help of staff there and some of the residents who have added fun games for all to do and still practice social distancing. We have put in place and continue to monitor the latest directives and guidelines provided to us from the Ohio Dept. of Health and our Governor.

I'd also like to thank all of those in the community who have donated food, snacks, masks, or other items to our staff and residents during this pandemic. It is all appreciated more than words can say and we are so grateful for the generosity of so many. We look forward to the day we can see our residents and loved ones interact in person and welcome all visitors back into our facilities. In the meantime we are committed to our mission "*We exist to create a community where each individual can live life fully*" and will do our best each day to make that happen.

Blessings of health and safety to all,

Gabe Stoll

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