To Mount Alverna Village Residents and Family Members:

As always, I want to again thank you for all your words of support and encouragement as we continue our infection prevention protocols to ensure the safety of our residents, family members and associates. They are very much appreciated by the Mount Alverna Village associates and residents.

**Confirmed Associate Cases:**

Six additional staff members were tested on 8/5/2020 and 8/6/2020 respectively that were displaying varying symptoms. The testing yielded two associates that tested positive for the virus. They include a dietary worker and an STNA and remain isolated in their homes. Following the CDC guidelines, we anticipate that each associate will return to work by 8/17/2020.

**Containment Procedures:**

Effective August 3, 2020, The Ohio Department of Health announced that skilled nursing facilities will be required to perform widespread testing of all their associates every other week. Therefore, retesting of our Mt. Alverna associates will begin Monday, August 10.

Residents will continue to be monitored closely for the earliest signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If any signs or symptoms develop, a resident is immediately isolated. Associates continue to be screened daily when they report for work; if any screening element is noted to be abnormal, the associate is sent home. We have no additional residents or associates who are exhibiting any signs of infection at this time. As a reminder, all associates wear a mask while they are working to minimize any potential spread of the virus.

**Precautionary Measures:**

Mount Alverna Village continues to restrict visitors and monitors associates and residents, following CDC-regulated standards for infection control and to prevent any spread of the virus. The staff continues to maintain proper PPE recommendations and protocol, as defined by the local and state health departments and the CDC.

We understand that this is a time of anxiety and unknowns for the safety of you or your loved ones. 100% of our efforts are dedicated towards the safety of your loved ones. Should you have any questions, please visit our Mount Alverna Village Facebook page or the Franciscan Ministry COVID-19 Web Page - www.franciscanministries.org/coronavirus-response/ for daily updates and information. For additional information, please visit the CDC’s coronavirus disease information page.

The safety of our residents and associates continues to be our most important concern.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

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