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We continue the process of coming to life, and the news continues to be positive across the front on COVID-19.

In the past week, there were no new cases in any of our convents and Sisters who were COVID-positive continue to complete their 28 days of isolation with no symptoms for at least a week.

Therefore, we are cautiously advancing to the next phase of our matrix, allowing for social-distanced dining either in our dining rooms – with only one Sister at each table, and more than one seating – or in our smaller gathering spaces, with just a handful of Sisters carefully spaced. We will continue to use fully disposable diningware and condiments in packets to ensure that no one handles the materials someone else has touched.

We are implementing, in concert with archdiocesan or diocesan guidelines, Mass with social distancing and masks. In some convents, this may require additional Masses, when clergy are available, with Sisters signing up and taking turns attending, while others view the Mass by livestream. We will work to find a local Eucharistic minister who can safely distribute communion to those who are unable to attend in person.

We will develop guidelines for doing laundry, showering, disinfecting shared vehicles and numerous other small but important tasks. Throughout all of these changes, we will continue to wear masks, remain six feet apart and faithfully wash our hands to protect ourselves, each other and those who support us through their care.

As we review these changes, we have come to the realization that these are internal matters, so this will be our final weekly public statement. We will continue to communicate internally, and any additional public statements will be issued as needed.

Before we sign off, however, we want to affirm all of you who have walked with us on these early steps of the difficult journey of the coronavirus pandemic. We ask you to rejoice with us – you have supported us with your prayers, cards and well wishes, gifts and positive thoughts for healing. In doing so, you have helped to save the lives of many Sisters.

We will not stop giving thanks to God for you, and remembering you in our prayers.

Sister Mary Christopher Moore, Provincial Minister
and the Provincial Council Members
Felician Sisters of North America