

March 20, 2020

Fr. Charles Benoit, O.S.B.
Dean of St. Tammany Deanery
St. Benedict Catholic Church

Dear Fr. Charles,

I am writing to you on behalf of Christopher Homes non-profit subsidized housing facilities in St Tammany Parish. Our 2 facilities in St Tammany Parish are independent living for seniors and disabled – St. Teresa Villa in Slidell (75 residents) and Rouquette Lodge in Mandeville (303 residents). At this time we are allowing only essential visitors (home health, hospice, and doctors). Christopher Homes is encouraging residents to not leave the property unless absolutely necessary. Transportation is for emergency only. The reason we are asking you for your assistance in this matter is because all grocery stores in neighboring areas have limited supply. Our residents are having great difficulty in replenishing their food. Also, many of our residents are not physically able to get to a grocery store. We are becoming increasingly concerned that our residents will not have food supplies during this Corona Virus Pandemic.

It is our hope that the generosity of St. Tammany Parish Catholic Church parishioners will assist our residents with any of the following – hot meals, cold meals, commodities. We will use our small dining room and community room to store all donated supplies so they will be available to residents when the need arises. I have attached a list of requested supplies. Mary Queen of Peace parishioners have already begun dropping food supplies at our location in Mandeville. Please anything you can do to assist us in this outreach is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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