

## TidBytes for April 2020

### From Mary Rehmann

Our HMC chapel was decorated with beautiful Easter lilies, pink and blue hydrangeas, tulips and azaleas for the Easter season. The Easter candle is lit for morning and evening prayers. Sunday Mass is viewed from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City by some sisters and weekday Masses from parish websites and EWTN.

Earth Day was celebrated with a Prayer Service shared across the miles between HMC and ZOOM participants. Center residents saw an inflated "earth" in the chapel on a beautiful glass bowl, with a flickering light, and a larger "earth" on the table at the bottom of the stairs and another "earth" arrangement was on the east wall. The National Geographic channel had earth-related programs all day, e.g., Jane Goodall's work with the mountain gorillas in Tanzania.

St. Joseph's Court has daffodils, tulips, grape hyacinths in bloom, redbud tree and apple blossoms bursting forth. Roberta makes spring arrangements for the receptionist's desk and community room tables.

Ideas for conversation were on the DR tables, prompting at least some sharing, e.g., "Spelling" was favorite subject for several CHMs.

HMC residents were happy that the elevator maintenance, scheduled for May, has been postponed.

Diana takes "orders" for items from Hy-Vee, Rhonda for requests from Walgreen's.

Humility Homes & Services has placed over 100 participants in hotel rooms to observe "physical distancing" during recent weeks. Fortunately, some emergency funds were used to cover some costs and volunteers are providing meals, etc.

### From Jeanie

Because of COVID-19 nearly all activities, meetings and appointments have been cancelled. But we are busy with many Zoom events including daily Mass, conferences, prayer services, and a funeral! And we are receiving lots of funny jokes, inspiring messages and songs to keep our spirits lifted!

We have especially enjoyed the CHM Zooms and our Intentional Eucharistic Community services. SEEING faces of loved ones is good for the soul. A friend even came to "serenade" us below our balcony one day. We try to call our CHMs at Bishop Drumm and others regularly, and it is good to HEAR their voices since we cannot visit in person.

Like everyone we are being reminded by this experience of the interconnectedness of the global community and the importance of reaching out to others!

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