

January 25, 2012

Dear Ruthanna,

As you are aware, my mother, Marian King, came to Villa Saint Francis on October 17, 2011 for purposes of rehabilitation. She had taken several falls and needed assistance in “re-learning” her walking skills. Prior to this, she had the equivalent of assisted living – she resided in an independent living community with a caretaker.

She had her “ups and downs” with her rehab process and I began to be quite concerned about her ability to return to her “former life”.

One day, after about six weeks at Villa Saint Francis, she announced to my husband and I that she had been doing a lot of “thinking and praying” and she decided that she wanted to stay at Villa Saint Francis and become a permanent resident. Her words were “I feel safe here. When I think of going back to my apartment, I feel afraid of being alone. Even with a caretaker and a pendant, when the door to the apartment closes, I’m alone. Here, at VSF, I never feel alone. Everyone treats me so nice – **I love it here**. Can I stay?”

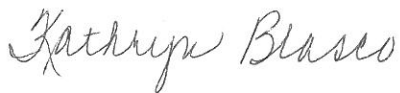
This was not Mom’s first visit to VSF. She rehabbed a broken hip at VSF back in the summer of 2003 for a period of two months. At that time, she told me “if I ever have to live in a full care facility, VSF is where I want to live”.

When she was driving and physically able, Mom always attended daily Mass. At VSF, she, once again, can attend daily Mass which makes her very happy.

I realize that I am the lucky one here. My mother made this difficult decision on her own and, that is a gift that does not carry a price. The peace of mind that I have experienced, knowing that Mom is happy and being “lovingly” taken care of, is indeed a blessing. Her care team at VSF is truly doing the work of God’s angels on earth. I have always held in the highest esteem those who spend their working hours making the best quality of life possible for our special people who need physical and medical assistance. Your teams at VSF are truly the “cream of the crop”.

On the behalf of my mother, my family and myself, please accept my gratitude for all that you do in providing the best care and safest environment possible. You are truly heads above the rest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Blasco".

Kathryn Blasco