

THE VILLAGE AT MANOR PARK

3023 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53227-3798

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Center: Retirement/Geriatric Center

General location: Urban

Original CPE affiliation: ACPE

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year of first program: 1997 Full accreditation: 2000 (?)

Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 16

Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 4

Present Supervisor(s): Rev. Charles A. Weinrich

Levels of CPE offered: Introductory CPE

Extended units: Yes, and Summer Intensive

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

Names, title/position, agency

Chaplain Bob Rotgers – Vice-President of Religion and Pastoral Care

Dr. Reg Hislop – President, CEO

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STATICS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Lay students: 4

Female students: 4

Minority students: 2

International students: 1

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT THE VILLAGE AT MANOR PARK: When Bob Rotgers was first hired as Chaplain at The Village at Manor Park (it was then known as “Methodist Manor”) in 1978, he expressed the dream to one day have a CPE program here. However, the Administrator was not particularly interested in having a CPE program, so Bob set the dream onto a shelf.

In 1992, while I was working at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, both Bob and I were serving as mentors for students at the Medical College of Wisconsin. When we were introduced, Bob mentioned his dream. In 1995, when it became clear that I was not going to be able to continue to offer CPE at Children’s, I recalled Bob’s comment and telephoned him to have further discussion. Unbeknownst to me, Bob and a new CEO, Dr. Reggie Hislop, who was interested in CPE, had initiated conversation with Oz Anderson, the Regional Director, about developing a program. Oz had recommended they hire a supervisor who could then develop the program. So, when I met with Bob and Reggie, it was not long before we knew we had a common interest...and I was hired in June 1996. We had our first Professional Consultation Committee meeting in September 1996, and in April 1997, we hosted a site visit team. We received Candidacy status in November 1997. Our first unit was offered in summer 1997. We are currently requesting Accredited Membership status with a site visit anticipated in November 1999.

PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES: Costs for the CPE program, as well as the supervisor’s salary, are absorbed into the general budget of The Village at Manor Park. Chaplain Bob administers the budget for the Department of Religion and Pastoral Care, which now includes five full-time chaplains. He has also been developing a Chaplaincy Endowment Fund which, when fully funded, will support the Department. Currently, the Fund is about one-third of the way toward its target of \$1 million.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER’S CPE PROGRAM: The Village at Manor Park is the first CPE program in Milwaukee to be based in a Protestant geriatric long-term care setting (St. Camillus Campus and Alexian Village are both Catholic facilities). Preaching and leading worship in this “congregation that is more than a congregation” offers students opportunity to get extensive feedback on their messages and delivery, thereby learning to integrate their pastoral visitation with their public ministry functions and with their own theology and experience. Students who are on-call are invited to have supper (at our expense) with residents in the dining room for residents in assisted-living. We also have a geriatric hospice (no patients under 65 years), for which we have pastoral responsibilities.