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Meeting with Reverend Mark Jensen &
Reverend Dan Clark
April 10, 1987

Fr. Bill Fichteman met with Rev. Mark Jensen and Rev. Dan Clark to discuss Fr. Clark's evaluation during his second unit of CPE at Highland Baptist Hospital.

Rev. Jensen began by saying that he felt Fr. Clark had had a good experience of CPE this current semester. He is actively engaged in all of the required programs and has put a great deal of energy into his work. He has many levels of participation. He is often the "pot stirrer of the group." He is able to get things going.

He has enjoyed a warm staff relationship and seems to be becoming well-known and well-liked within the hospital. He has been very responsible in his duties and reflective with the people he has seen. His specific focus this semester has been the development of certain skills, particularly in the area of intervention.

Rev. Jensen said that he feels Fr. Clark will do well at Highland Baptist as the permanent Catholic chaplain.

Dan has also been working with the Eucharistic Ministers who come from St. Brigid on Sunday and the Sister Visitor Program on Wednesday. He has developed guidelines for them and integrated well their bringing of the Eucharist with Dan's duties. Fr. Clark has also carried off the dual role of chaplain and CPE student in an acceptable way.

One problem that Dan sometimes runs into is over-extension and becoming sometimes over-involved with his clients. Dan said that at this time he believes his experience at Highland Baptist has prepared him somewhat for the return to parish ministry which he wants very much at this point. Rev. Jensen added that Fr. Clark had gotten very good feedback on the Ash Wednesday Service that he held at the hospital. There were good comments on the homily and he seems to have a good personal presence in worship. Fr. Clark may continue to offer seasonal Catholic liturgies at the hospital if interest and attendance warrants. He expects to spend two and one-half to three days a week at Highland Baptist Hospital after completing CPE. There are approximately thirty Catholic patients in the hospital at the current time. About twelve of these are in the psych unit.

The backup procedure for Highland Baptist Hospital if Fr. Clark is not available is first: St. Brigid; second: St. Therese; third: St. Anthony Hospital.

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