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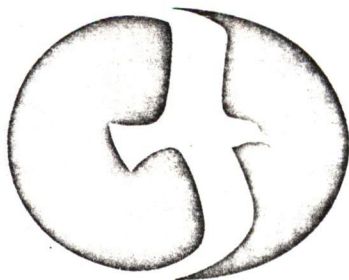
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SALVE GRADUATES GERIATRIC CARE SPECIALISTS
AT JEWISH HOME

Dr. William Burrell, dean of Salve Regina College, a Catholic college in Newport, today presented certificates in gerontology to 14 staff members of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hilltop Street, Providence.

The certificates mark the completion of a special one credit course on "Caring for the Aged." The course was presented by Salve's Community Services and Education Division.

During the four-week course which was conducted at the Jewish Home for the Aged, participants examined the special needs of the elderly through lectures, discussion groups and clinical practice. The program is the first in the Providence area to bring together all members of the nursing home team in an attempt to provide a better understanding of geriatric care.

Congratulating the graduates, Dr. Burrell cited their "professionalism" and he praised the Jewish Home for the Aged as an "innovator." "The program is new to this area," he said, "and its success here proves the value of in-service training in geriatric care." He added that he hoped other nursing homes would follow the lead of the Jewish Home for the Aged and establish a similar program for their staff members.

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Mr. Irving Kronenberg, administrator of the Jewish Home for the Aged, said, "I think Salve's concept of reaching out to nursing homes is an excellent idea. It avoids the problems of getting staff members to outside classes and it allows for better utilization of staff time because staff members don't have to spend as much time away from their duties. I hope Salve continues the program in other areas."

The Community Services and Education Division at Salve is a recent addition to the college. "The purpose of the division," said Sister Virginia Walsh, director, "is to research and define community needs and then implement a program to meet those needs in the best manner possible. Some other community services programs include elderly visitation, volunteer tutoring and "Meals on Wheels."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The brief "graduation" will be held this Wednesday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hilltop Avenue, Providence. Please join us.

Bob Newbert

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