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Open Letter of Recommendation for GRADY M. MAYEAUX

It is an honor to offer my warmest recommendation on behalf of Grady Mayeaux, who has been serving as a Chaplain On Call at Rockdale Hospital since November, 1993. Mr. Mayeaux is a very gifted minister who gives generously of his time and talent to care for patients, families and staff at Rockdale Hospital. In this ministry, he serves as a volunteer Chaplain at least one day a month in which he remains available for all hospital emergencies or crisis calls, as well as, a commitment to visit patients within our hospital for several hours of routine visits on those days. Extensive orientation and education is required of each Chaplain On Call to prepare them to minister in a multi-faith, clinical professional environment. Mr. Mayeaux eagerly participated in all required education and even attended a variety of additional training programs that have been offered at the hospital to advance his skill in this exceptional ministry.

Grady Mayeaux is an exceptional person with a diverse background and a wide variety of skills. He has an enthusiasm from his deep faith commitment which invites others to share this vision. Through his involvement in the Chaplaincy Team, three other seminarians from his school joined the Chaplain On Call program. He has a deep sense of truth and a concern for those who are the "downtrodden" in the world. In his ministry at the hospital and at his church, he has given numerous hours assisting the poor and the elderly. When he perceives that their is an injustice being done to any individual or group of people, his strength of faith and character, will not allow him to look the other way. He challenges those he meets to see the truth in a loving but firm manner.

During his months of ministry as a Chaplain On Call at Rockdale Hospital, I have been most impressed by the deep spirituality that I perceive in Mr. Mayeaux. He has endured a rigorous academic schedule to complete his bachelors' degree, while serving as an intern at a large local church. He has come to the hospital for many emergency situations in which a wide variety of crises of life and death have presented themselves to him. In this midst of his many obligations, Mr. Mayeaux responded to each person in crises with a compassion drawn from a deep faith and life of prayer. Afterwards, his

personal reflections on the incidents have been filled with theological insights and personal spiritual growth.

Ministry in its best form is a shared pilgrimage in which the minister and the person in need both grow personally and spiritually through the interaction. Mr. Mayeaux has consistently shown an openness to allow this personal growth to occur.

I feel that Mr. Mayeaux could be an asset to others who may wish to use his gifts in a variety of ministry settings. He has also shown an ability and interest in pursuing higher levels of theological education. His enthusiasm and questioning mind would enhance and academic setting.

Please write on call me at (404)918-3008 if I may offer additional information to assist you in consideration of Mr. Grady Mayeaux.

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