

Summer White

Log Week: #2

Date:01/27/23

Hours: 26 hours .50 min

This experience has been such a great joy. I am on the floor full time now and able to go about the hospital as needed. I am able to log into the Epic system, on my own time and able to log the results, in the patient's medical records. I was able to pick up the structure of logging very quickly and feel confident doing my duty as a Chaplain. I have met some pretty amazing humans and have felt the movement of the Holy Spirit lend a helping hand. I have to give Jesus all the power. I grew more mature this last week, not only in my emotional life, but spiritual life as well. I am catching myself speaking more to God and asking what His will is in my life at that particular moment. Like Jesus says in John 6:38 NASB "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." Even when it comes to co workers, I have been able to see they have a need, such as an encouraging word or a helping hand. I have been enlightened as a Chaplain in a way that the Holy Spirit has been a powerful source when I am praying over these ill people. His hand has been mighty and powerful and I am feeling His power forcefully and loving. I had an hour therapy appointment with Father Bart and can only say good things. He is a very intelligent man full of wisdom and grace. He helped me open up about my childhood and allowed me to speak of some childhood experiences that needed healing. He is a huge prayer warrior. I am even able to laugh with him on occasions. I am really grateful for him. My Spanish is picking up very rapidly and I am encouraged by my patients to keep speaking and learning. I am learning the Our Father in Spanish to enhance my vocation and help my Spanish patients and co-workers feel and hear the love of God. I was also able to speak to the head of the public communities department about starting up a radio station and helping with the logistics of

this amazing endeavor for the hospital. The end of my week I was able to attend the wake of the 17 year old patient I had last week. What a humbling experience. There were Spider Man themes everywhere, and they had pop music and ran the young man's video throughout the wake. The family was amazing and they were so warm. I prayed over them and did as the mother ask of me. She kindly ask that I sit close to the casket and pray special prayers for her son to enter heaven. I was told that he was a great theologian and into magic tricks. He was a pretty amazing disciple of the One and only Jesus Christ. My loving husband was there to support me and help me along this call of duty. He even ended up ordering me a Martin of Tours pendant to continue to encourage me in this life long journey and rewarding me for doing my first wake as a Chaplain. I am seeing myself as better able to calm myself in tough situations. Before, when I was in emergency medicine I was high adrenaline all the time, but now I am living life slowly and peacefully, trusting the Lord every step. I had a patient ask to pray over me and I was honored when he did. There was also an older woman with dementia that kindly reminded me that I need to knock when I step into the patient's room and ask if it is ok to enter. This really opened my eyes to the point that even when these people are in the hospital, they deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and ask for permission to enter their home at this trying time in their lives. I was also reminded by this sweet woman that you do not need to be in a church to have fellowship with people and know Jesus. I will always hold this woman in my heart.