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FALL RIVER, MA: Catholic Memorial Home in Fall River, Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Jennifer Davis, MSW, LCSW and Assistant Administrator, has received certification as a Validation Worker from the Validation Training Institute and the George M. Leader Institute, Hershey, PA.

The certification process requires taking part in a training course, practice of individual validation for at least 26 weeks, documentation of practical work and passing written and practical examinations.

Validation is a method of communicating with and helping disoriented older people. It is a practical way of working that helps reduce stress, enhances dignity and increases happiness with individuals that have various types of dementia and it is built on an empathetic attitude and holistic view of individuals. "I have been certified as a Validation Worker and have begun education to our staff, specifically on the dementia units in using the communication techniques of this therapy every day in their interactions with residents," says Davis. "I have also added an introduction to Validation Therapy to our orientation for all new staff. Education will continue throughout Catholic Memorial Home on specific techniques to be used with people in different stages of dementia."

More detailed information on Validation Therapy can be found at www.vfvalidation.org.

Catholic Memorial Home is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center that cares for 290 men and women in both long-term and short-term care. The home is one of the Diocesan Health Facilities and is sponsored by the Diocese of Fall River.