

'Green' Siena Retreat Center Rebuilt on Lakeside Campus

Decorative Lighting from AFX provides Tranquil Sustainability for Upgraded Facility



LOCATION

Siena Retreat Center
Racine, WI

ARCHITECT

Eppstein Uhen Architects,
Milwaukee, WI

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Berghammer Construction Corp.
Butler, WI

AFX REP AGENCY

Illuminate, Inc.
Waukesha, WI

PRODUCTS INSTALLED

Sheridan Pendant
Sheridan Flush Mount

Newly constructed Siena Retreat Center, on the shores of Lake Michigan in Racine County, Wisconsin, replaces the decades old original retreat center for the Racine Dominicans. The \$8.2 million project was part of the larger estimated \$68 million Siena on the Lake project - a state-of-the-art lifestyle retirement community for older adults. With a focus on utilizing 'green' products in the retreat center reconstruction, energy-efficient **Sheridan** lighting fixtures from AFX were installed throughout the facility.

The new, 48,000-square-foot, three-story facility, has abundant private and group meeting and classroom spaces along with 68 bedrooms with updated amenities such as private bathrooms, individual heat and cooling controls, wireless Internet access and greater handicap accessibility. Serving approximately 6,000 people annually from all faith backgrounds, the Siena Retreat Center offers sponsored retreats, spiritual direction, a bookstore and facilities for private and group retreats.

AFX's **Sheridan** pendants and flush mount fixtures were installed throughout the center in corridors, meeting spaces and offices. The transitional-style **Sheridan** fixtures, feature a white linen acrylic shade with decorative accent metal trim in satin nickel finish and are powered by energy-efficient 26W CFQ lamps.

In keeping with the natural, peaceful setting of the Siena campus, shades of aqua, azure and tan were used throughout the interior design to be reflective of the natural landscape and to enhance the serene setting inside the retreat center. "The Sheridan light fixtures complement the individual spaces in the center and are visually appealing to our guests and residents," remarked Diane Poplawski, OP, Development Assistant at the Center.

Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA), Milwaukee, WI is managing the master planning and design for the project. EUA Senior Interior Designer, Jeffrey Bogart, ASID, said of the Retreat Center spaces "We were privileged to be instrumental in making the vision for the Retreat Center a reality. The Sheridan fixtures were selected for their circular shape which is harmonious with other architectural features of the spaces. From a philosophical viewpoint, the fixture shape symbolically references the inclusion and perfect unity represented by the "circle" of caring and support experienced by the retreat participants."



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