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****Clergy Care Collective: A Groundbreaking Ministry for the Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Well-Being of Clergy and Seminarians****

CHICAGO, IL — July 15, 2025 — In a moment of great need and opportunity, a new nationwide nonprofit is answering the call to support those who serve others. Clergy Care Collective, a 501(c)(3) public charity rooted in the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, is pioneering a transformative ministry of advocacy, charity, and hope for clergy, seminarians, and those preparing for ordained ministry—especially those facing mental health challenges.

Founded in Chicago and led by Rev. Matthew González, J.D., a businessman, teacher, lawyer, pastor, nonprofit founder, and seminarian, Clergy Care Collective seeks to support the holistic flourishing of pastors, deacons, priests, bishops, and seminarians across denominational lines. “We are committed to walking with those in ministry—intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually,” said Rev. González, who himself has experienced profound healing through faith, mental health care, and community. “Clergy and future clergy carry immense burdens. This ministry exists to strengthen, affirm, and uplift them, so that they in turn can bring Christ’s healing to others.”

The mission is bold and clear: to champion the mental health and spiritual resilience of those serving in Christian ministry, while also providing practical charity to the most vulnerable—including those awaiting adjudication for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The organization affirms that Christian leaders, called to lives of service, deserve compassionate support and justice-centered accompaniment.

Clergy Care Collective is intentionally ecumenical, rooted in the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and profoundly committed to Catholic social teaching’s preferential option for the poor and marginalized. The organization emphasizes solidarity with the homeless mentally ill and works to advance comprehensive safety net reform, aiming to elevate those often overlooked by the systems meant to serve them.

In addition to its mental health advocacy, Clergy Care Collective honors the intellectual life of the Church by celebrating theological scholarship. The organization is building a network of affiliated scholars—from biblical exegetes to sacramental theologians—whose work it intends to amplify and support.

The leadership team reflects the diversity and depth of this mission. Rev. Matthew González,

a lawyer and former educator, brings a wealth of academic, ministerial, and personal insight. He is joined by Rev. Job Pangilinan, a Methodist elder and former trial lawyer, and Steven Young, M.S., C.P.A., a Caltech-trained accountant and former executive. Each leader brings a fierce commitment to justice, faith, and integrity.

Clergy Care Collective invites all who are passionate about mental health, ministry, and mercy to join the movement. To learn more or to support the work, visit www.clergycarecollective.org.

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