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Clergy Care Collective Launches New Pastoral Care Toolkit to Equip a Wounded Church

CHICAGO, IL — As spiritual leaders nationwide grapple with unprecedented challenges, the Clergy Care Collective has announced the launch of a groundbreaking new resource: the Pastoral Care Toolkit—a practical, compassionate guide to strengthen clergy and seminarians serving those with mental health conditions, trauma, or disability.

This new initiative comes as part of the Collective's broader mission to provide radical support, education, and advocacy for those in or preparing for ministry. The Toolkit includes guides for pastoral approaches to mental illness, sample liturgies, self-care resources, reading lists, and confidentiality templates—all designed to help faith leaders offer wise, loving, and trauma-informed care.

"Our ministers are walking with the brokenhearted," said Rev. Matthew González, J.D., founder and Executive Director. "They deserve tools that recognize both the sacredness of their calling and the deep wounds they encounter."

The Toolkit is free to clergy and seminarians and was shaped through conversations with mental health professionals, theologians, and pastors with lived experience. It reflects the values at the heart of Clergy Care Collective: dignity, transparency, theological depth, and fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This launch is the latest in a string of initiatives by Clergy Care Collective, a 501(c)(3) public charity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching but welcoming all Christian traditions. Its national programs include peer support groups, retreats, pastoral consultations, disability advocacy, and a charitable fund for the homeless mentally ill awaiting SSI adjudication.

In the coming months, the Toolkit will be expanded through webinars and collaborative contributions from the Collective's Affiliated Scholars Network, deepening the integration of scholarship, spirituality, and justice.

"We're not just equipping ministers," González added. "We're creating a Church that understands suffering, that walks with the wounded, and that believes healing is possible."

To access the Pastoral Care Toolkit, schedule an interview, or support the mission, visit:

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