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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF CLERGY AND MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS

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DOWNINGTOWN, Pa. – The second Day of Prayer for the Health and Wellness of Clergy and Men and Women Religious will occur on Friday, **October 18, 2024**. Saint John Vianney Center (SJVC) established the Day of Prayer in 2023 to provide spiritual support to those who dedicate their lives to God through service to others and to promote mental, physical, and spiritual self-care.

Live streaming of events for the day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Morning Prayer (Lauds) and Adoration followed by a keynote, "Nourishing Our Ministers with Compassion and Gratitude" by SJVC President and CEO David Shellenberger, RN, BSN, and a prayer hour hosted by SJVC's Spiritual Care team. Fr. David Brzoska, M.Div., MA.SS., Chaplain of SJVC, will celebrate Mass for the health and wellness of all clergy and men and women religious at 11:00 a.m. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

To learn more and to download the Day of Prayer media kit visit SJVC's website at www.sjvcenter.org/dayofprayer.

"We hope to raise awareness of the challenges and demands faced by clergy and men and women religious, and for everyone to join us in prayer for their health and well-being," said David Shellenberger, President and CEO of Saint John Vianney Center. "The Day of Prayer is

an opportunity for us to lift up our Church Ministers in prayer and remind them of our gratitude for their selfless service to our Church."

This year, SJVC will offer the opportunity to honor a member of the clergy or religious by purchasing a Mass Intention card. The honored priests and religious will receive a Mass Intention card and their names will be placed on the Altar during the Day of Prayer Mass. Information on purchasing a Mass Intention card is available at www.sjvcenter.org/dayofprayer. SJVC invites everyone to join in the Day of Prayer by participating in the live-streamed events or by incorporating prayers and intentions for the health and wellness of clergy and men and women religious into their weekday Masses and devotions. Those who wish to help promote this day are invited to display the Day of Prayer logo on their website, link it to our landing page, and use the hashtag **#SJVCdayofprayer** on social media.

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About Saint John Vianney Center

Saint John Vianney Center is a licensed and accredited residential behavioral health and addictions treatment and resource center serving clergy and men and women religious worldwide. The exemplary facility, staff, and resources distinguish SJVC as the premier center fully equipped to help ministers of the Church get and stay healthy in mind, body, and spirit.