

Comments From Program Attendees:

“Prevention is key. The take-away points were excellent.”

“This was an eye-opening experience. You made such a heavy topic digestible.”

“Thank you for offering such a well-done workshop. The information and practical guidance were very beneficial.”

“I learned about the great need for ongoing mental health support, how to help those contemplating suicide, and when to get professional help.”

“Thank you for such an important program. It was educational and valuable.”

“I am grateful for this program and how to help discern the signs of a cry for help.”

“This topic is so critical and deserves attention to eliminate mental health issues.”

“The program was enlightening and exceeded my expectations. It has helped me grow in empathy and compassion.”

“Discussing the treatment barriers for priests and religious and learning how to support them was helpful.”



Resources and Support Services

Saint John Vianney Center

888.993.8885 | Open 24/7/365

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call or text 988

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Call 888.333.AFSP or visit afsp.org

The program has been developed by and is available from Saint John Vianney Center for leadership and ministerial members, presbyterates, religious communities, and parishes.

To learn more or to discuss scheduling this program for your diocese, religious community, or parish, contact:

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Suicide Prevention & Awareness Program for Clergy and Religious

An educational program to help recognize, prevent, and respond compassionately to suicide.



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“Fear not, for I am with you; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you.”

ISAIAH 41:10



Dates and Locations

From Silence to Support: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Program

Out of the shared experiences of many feeling the deep pain of suicide came a desire from diocesan and religious communities across the country to learn how to foster hope and healing. In listening to these needs, Saint John Vianney Center (SJVC) offers a critical educational program for Clergy, Religious, and parish life.

This program is designed to provide guidance and support in four vital areas:

- Foster a culture of prevention
- Recognize the signs of risk
- Respond with compassion, care, and hope
- Implement post-suicide actions to aid in recovery and healing

Our goal is to walk alongside you, equip you with practical tools, and instill your confidence in accompanying those who may be struggling.

This program is rich in content and filled with opportunities to learn and connect. The program is made possible by our Good Shepherd Campaign donors. To them, we extend our deepest gratitude.

The program is led by Deacon Tim Lynch, M.S., Suicide Education and Prevention Manager at SJVC. Deacon Tim brings clinical expertise as a psychotherapist and is a certified traumatologist in suicidality. He offers his pastoral wisdom, and his profound compassion for those carrying heavy burdens.

At the Saint John Vianney Center, our mission is to shepherd those who serve the Church—supporting health in mind, body, and spirit. Together, we are called to strengthen the temple of the Holy Spirit, safeguard lives and vocations, and ensure that no one who serves the Church walks alone.



October 29, 2025 - Malvern, PA
January 21, 2026 - San Francisco, CA
January 22, 2026 - Marina del Rey, CA
February 4, 2026 - Phoenix, AZ
February 11, 2026 - Boca Raton, FL
February 12, 2026 - Atlanta, GA
February 26, 2026 - New Orleans, LA
March 25, 2026 - Naperville, IL
March 26, 2026 - Indianapolis, IN
April 29, 2026 - Worcester, MA
April 30, 2026 - Pittsburgh, PA
May 6, 2026 - New York, NY
May 12, 2026 - San Antonio, TX
May 13, 2026 - Houston, TX
May 27, 2026 - Bethesda, MD
September 21, 2026 - Detroit, MI
September 23, 2026 - Sacramento, CA
September 24, 2026 - Wilsonville, OR
September 30, 2026 - Wickliffe, OH
October 1, 2026 - Rochester, MN
October 8, 2026 - Omaha, NE
October 14, 2026 - Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
October 21, 2026 - Madison, WI
October 28, 2026 - Malvern, PA
November 3, 2026 - Wichita, KS
November 5, 2026 - St. Louis, MO
November 10, 2026 - Syracuse, NY
December 1, 2026 - Washington, DC
December 2, 2026 - Louisville, KY