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Spiritual Care Initiative for Professional Excellence Completes Its Mission

With the recent publication of the final two volumes of *The Pastoral Caregiver's Casebook*, the Spiritual Care Initiative for Professional Excellence (SCIFE)—formerly the Ideal Intervention Project (IIP)—has completed its nine-year mission.

You can now order online at Judson Press or Amazon all four volumes of *The Pastoral Caregiver's Casebook*, a collection of 330 actual spiritual care cases as written up and critiqued by the care providers themselves. The collection is divided into these categories.

- Volume 1: Ministry in Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, and Ultimate Relationships
- Volume 2: Ministry in Physical and Psycho-Spiritual Crises
- Volume 3: Ministry in Behavioral and Physical Health
- Volume 4: Ministry in Specialized Settings (Corrections, Clinical Education, Single Visits, Miscellaneous Ministry)

Please remember that this collection is the first-ever professional spiritual care knowledge base. It can and should be used:

- to teach pastoral care to seminarians, clinical pastoral education students, lay visitors, and others;
- to get second opinions on difficult current situations;
- to keep one's own practice sharp by using the simple four-heading format to write up and study troublesome cases, preferably with a few trusted colleagues;
- to educate administrators, congregation members and the public on the incredibly wide scope of our activity;
- to do research toward professionally determined evidence based best practices, including replication studies, thereby contributing to bottom lines.

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