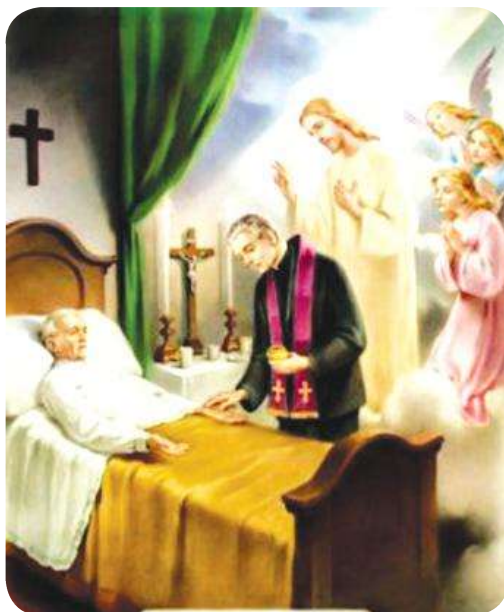


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## The Rite of the Anointing of the Sick



15.1 Picture - The Anointing of the Sick

Before anointing the sick person, the priest may hear the confession of the sick person.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

Having worn the surplice and the stole, the priest greets the sick person and those who are present by saying: “The peace of the Lord be with you always.” The priest sprinkles the sick person and those present with holy water, saying: “Let this water call to mind our baptism into Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.” Then he addresses those present in these or similar words:

**Priest :** My dear friends, we are gathered here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is present among us. As the gospels relate, the sick came to him for healing; moreover, he loves us so much that he died for our sake. Through the apostle James, he has commanded us: “Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will

be forgiven them.” Let us therefore commend our sick brother/sister (Name of the person) to the grace and power of Christ, that he may save him/her and raise him/her up.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

**Priest :** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this holy anointing, let us call to mind our sins.  
(After a brief period of silence)

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest :** Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Response :** Christ, have mercy.

**Priest :** Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest :** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Response :** Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Read Matthew 8:5-10, 13

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest :** My brothers and sisters, in our prayer of faith let us appeal to God for our brother/sister (Name of the person).

**Priest :** Come and strengthen him/her through this holy anointing: Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest :** Free him/her from all harm: Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest :** Free him/her from sin and all temptation: Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest :** Relieve the sufferings of all the sick Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest :** Assist all those dedicated to the care of the sick: Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest :** Give life and health to our brother/sister (Name of the person), on whom we lay our hands in your name: Lord, have mercy.

**Response :** Lord, have mercy.

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

In silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person. The priest says a prayer of thanksgiving over blessed oil

## **THANKSGIVING OVER BLESSED OIL**

**Priest :** Praise to you, God, the almighty Father. You sent your Son to live among us and bring us salvation.

**Response :** Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

**Priest :** Praise to you, God the only-begotten Son. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity and you heal our infirmities,

**Response :** Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

**Priest :** Praise to you God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Your unfailing power gives us strength in our bodily weakness.

**Response :** Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

**Priest :** God of mercy, ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness of your servant, (Name of the person), whom the Church anoints with this holy oil. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Response :** Amen.

## ANOINTING

The priest anoints the sick person with blessed oil.  
First, he anoints the forehead, saying

**Priest :** Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

**Response :** Amen.

Then he anoints the hands, saying:

**Priest :** May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.

**Response :** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER ANOINTING

**Priest :** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit cure the weakness of your servant (Name of the person) Heal his/her sickness and forgive his/her sins; expel all afflictions of mind and body; mercifully restore him/her to full health, and enable him/her to resume his/her former duties, for you are Lord for ever and ever.

**Response :** Amen.

## Viaticum

After the Lord's Prayer, the priest shows the Eucharistic Bread to those present, saying: "This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Come to me all you that labour and are burdened and I will refresh you." The people give

the respective response. The sick person and all who are to receive communion say do so.

The priest says the concluding prayer.

**Priest :** Let us pray.  
All-powerful and ever-living God May the Body and Blood of Christ your Son be for our brother/sister (Name of the person) a lasting remedy for body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Response :** Amen.

## BLESSING

**Priest :** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**Response :** Amen.

When the priest comes to anoint a sick person, we must assist him, pray for the sick person and pray loud enough so that the sick person may hear.

About the viaticum, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as viaticum. Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of "passing over" to the Father, has a particular significance and importance. It is the seed of eternal life and the power of resurrection, according to the words of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." The sacrament of Christ once dead and now risen, the Eucharist is here the sacrament of passing over from death to life, from this world to the Father.

(CCC 1524)

Thus, just as the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist form a unity called "the sacraments of Christian initiation, " so too it can be said that Penance, the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist as viaticum constitute at the end of Christian life "the sacraments that prepare for our heavenly homeland" or the sacraments that complete the earthly pilgrimage.

(CCC 1525)

### Activity



1. Name the sub rites of the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick.



### For Life

Having found out those in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, inform to the Parish Priest.