

# Sacraments of Healing

Anointing of the Sick

Reconciliation



# Anointing of the Sick

## *Images from the past*

- Last Rites / Extreme Unction
- Final preparation for heaven

# Anointing of the Sick based on Sacred Scriptures

“So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Mark 6:12-13

# Anointing of the Sick based on Sacred Scriptures

“Is anyone sick among you? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint (him) with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.”

Letter of St. James 5:13-15

# The Ritual of the Sacrament

1. Silent imposition of hands
2. The prayer of healing while the forehead and palms are annointed with Holy Oil

# The Ritual of the Sacrament

“Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy heal you by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

May He who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up.”

# Effects of the Sacrament

- Healing through faith
- Forgiveness of sins

# What is healed?

- “Sickness” is not just bodily illness
- There are other illnesses:
  - Fears and anxieties, anger, frustrations
  - Addictions
- God alone knows what kind of healing the sick need most



# What is healed?

- Anointing does not remove the mystery of human suffering and death
- Suffering and death are an integral part of a bigger picture:

***our life's pilgrimage toward the fulfillment of God's purpose for creating us.***

# The Bigger Picture

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# Sacrament of Reconciliation

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- Confession
- Penance
- Forgiveness of sins

# Catechism about “sin”

- Violation of God’s commandments
- Mortal or venial?
  - Serious Matter
  - Full knowledge
  - Full consent

# Reconciliation . . . The rituals

- Sorrow for all of my sins
- Confession to a priest
- Absolution
- “Penance”

## Confession as “Reconciliation”

“While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. . . . because this child of mine was dead, and has come to life again. . .”

# Confession as “Reconciliation”

The healing of broken relationships

- With God
- with one’s neighbors
- and with oneself

***An encounter with the forgiving  
love of God***

# Reconciliation . . . Work in progress

- Conversion is not once-and-for-all
- Confession is just one step in the total process.
- The disease (sinfulness) rather than the symptoms (sins).

## **Lastly. . . but not the least**

Obligation: once a year

Why confess to a priest?

Why not confess directly to God ?

