

Anointing of the Sick

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 4, Session 18**.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick helps bring Jesus' strength, peace, courage, and healing to people who are elderly or who are suffering because of illness. The sacrament also brings forgiveness of sins.

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Holy Communion received by a person who is dying is called viaticum, and it prepares a person to enter into eternal life.

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The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick reassures people that they are loved and cared for.

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The oil of the sick, used during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, has been blessed by the bishop.

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We can show we care for people who are sick by praying a prayer of intercession for them.

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Pierre Toussaint, who has received the title Venerable, was from Haiti. He nursed people who were sick during an epidemic of yellow fever despite the risk to his own health.

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In his New Testament letter, James encouraged members of the Church to pray for those who were ill and to anoint them in the name of the Lord.

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Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church continues Jesus' healing mission. Jesus' early followers also continued this work by offering healing and comfort to people who were sick.

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