

# UNDERSTANDING SACRAMENTAL HEALING (ANOINTING AND VIATICUM) pdf

## 1: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick - Lizette Larson-Miller - Google Books

*Understanding Sacramental Healing: Anointing and Viaticum explores the rich history of the sacrament and addresses the changes that have occurred since the Second Vatican Council by providing a theological basis for the history and pastoral practice of the sacrament of the sick.*

Anointing of the Sick is a theological introduction to the rite and focuses on the whole spectrum of pastoral care of the sick. Lizette Larson-Miller explores the sacrament of the anointing of the sick and the crucial role played by a biblical text from the Letter of James in reconstructing a rite for the sick rather than only for the dying. She looks at the central sacramental ideas surrounding the anointing of the sick that emerge from the three primary actions: Theological Questions from the Rite, Anyone interested in sacraments, care of the sick, theological reflection, or medicine and spirituality would find it helpful. It would be a useful theology textbook. Catholic Studies An Online Journal Professor Lizette Larson-Miller, in *Anointing of the Sick*, offers fresh pastoral insight on the many facets of this ministry. Her book gives readers the historical and theological foundations which undergird *The Pastoral Care of the Sick*. The focus of the book is on the sacramental anointing of the sick, but the reader will also find a thorough discussion of the accompanying rituals as well as an exploration of issues related to the care of the sick which arise today in a rapidly changing medical scene in which pastoral decisions must be made. Lizette Larson-Miller has produced another excellent work. *Anointing of the Sick* not only introduces the reader to the history and theology of this sacramental moment in the life of the Church but also contains excellent pastoral reflections and applications with a real sensitivity to other Churches and ecclesial communions. This ecumenical flavor would be enough alone to recommend it highly to a wide audience. Larson-Miller goes further by posing new, pressing questions to the sacramental life and understanding of the churches. A must read for all those engaged in pastoral theology and teaching. An excellent commentary on the rites of pastoral care for the sick? In this newest volume of the *Lex Orandi* series, Lizette Larson-Miller has produced a liturgically sound, theologically astute, and pastorally sensitive guide to the Anointing of the Sick in its overall context of our pastoral care. All who seek a well-written and very readable study of the rites of the sick in history and contemporary pastoral-liturgical practice will find here a treasure. Both ecumenically and culturally sensitive in its approach, *Anointing of the Sick* merits a wide readership. Takes a close reading of the official texts in light of scripture, historical

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### 2: Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing

*Description: Understanding the Sacraments of Healing offers insightful catechesis on the sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick. Guiding readers through the words, actions, and signs of the rites, this book explores the connection between the sacraments of healing and daily Christian life.*

First, all of us experience the need for healing. Each is subject to sin, suffering, disease and death. The second reason is that the practice of both sacraments has entered into crisis. How might love be experienced so that it can fully realize its human and divine dimensions? It must be kept in mind throughout that we are saved by faith and the sacraments of faith. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The theme has been addressed frequently by postwar Popes. They noted the problems associated with the pastoral aggiornamento of the II Vatican Council. We are also acquainted with the postconciliar impetus given to the biblical, theological-moral and liturgical renewal as well as to the evangelization of families and of young people. I have in mind especially the renewal of the practice of the Sacrament of Penance at the various World Youth Days, especially that of in Rome when approximately , young people approached the Sacrament at the Circus Maximus. Today, I will not be dealing with historical developments. The new Rite balances the following elements of the year-old tradition of the Church: I intend to address three themes for the renewal of the sacrament. A clear, unequivocal Christological Foundation of the practice of the Sacrament of Confession is necessary for any successful renewal of the Sacrament. The life and mission of Jesus Christ can be summarized in one word: According to the usage of St. Augustine, the Latin word, . Jesus habitually confesses, admits and reveals himself through these three confessiones before the Father to be his only begotten Son. Always and everywhere he confesses himself to be the gift of the Father. For the Father is his source and origin. Every human being throughout history has loaded his or her sins upon the Innocent One whose outstretched arms embraced them all in love. On the other hand, one of Twelve, Peter, has become a prototype of an altogether different order, i. By denying Jesus in the palace of Caiaphas Peter turned Jesus into his own scapegoat. What the crowd does to Peter he would like in turn to do to them but cannot. He is not strong enough to triumph through vengeance. The answer is essentially dependent upon his own awareness of a unique filial relationship with Abba. And that was right from the start. Jesus confesses that he has been sent to make himself an offering for sin Mk. His words and actions at the Last Supper over the bread and wine interpret the meaning he gave to his suffering and death. He is accepts freely to be the vicarious representative of every human being; he took upon himself their sinful guilt before his Father. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. I have found helpful a Christological meditation on what St. Just as the Son of God was crucified with the sins of the world nailed to his flesh and was exposed naked before his heavenly Father, so too in confessing sins to a priest the penitent must stand shorn and naked before the Father and confess his or her sins. This is what was meant in the beginning when I said that a recovery of the Christological foundation is essential for the renewal of the practice of the Sacrament. When the Son of God was scourged naked and nailed naked to the cross, when the thorns and nails bit into his flesh, he reassumed the nakedness of the first man - not however because of innocence, but rather because of sin, for his arms embrace all that is, was and will be. Each of those baptized into his death must do the same. Despite being unsettled by the prospect, disciples of Jesus must confess their serious sins to a priest for conversion. To do so, they should contemplate the drama of the Son of God suspended denuded upon the Cross. On Calvary the disciple will learn what confession is, what its purpose is and how confession functions. Jesus had been intent to take upon himself the burden of the sins of every human being. Thus the Son wanted to do something meaningful by turning the spearhead of sin - originally directed toward the Father - toward himself. Under the weight of the wounds, however, he no longer comprehends his own intention. He has nothing at all to do with this intention. Perhaps it is this meaninglessness that kills him. Like Jesus we stand similarly stripped before God. The penitent will also learn

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how and why the Sacrament of Confession becomes the first gift of the Risen Lord. Strong catecheses on virtue-sin-conversion in light of the pluricultural ambience of today is necessary for the renewal of the Sacrament. There has been a decline in the sense of sin. We deny our responsibility for it. Even though recognizing their inadequacies towards their neighbor, many Christians assert that they are capable of correcting themselves. Never or only with difficulty do they admit a sense of a guilt before God, and are far from the thought of having responsibility of reconciling themselves with God through confession to a priest. Moreover, many Christians, especially young people, are reluctant to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation because, with repeated failures, the solution seems too easy, too hurried, too mechanical, a little like magic. They raise many questions: Should not sacramental conversion impinge more upon daily life? Is contrition really authentic when after only a few hours after receiving sacramental absolution the same or even worse sins are committed with their attendant guilt? And thus it happens that not a few will become discouraged and show signs of indifference and of rejection. How should one respond? One way is the recovery of the nature of conscience. Many experience an examination of conscience like a Franz Kafka tribunal with a judge applying an extrinsic, oppressive, and unrecognizable law. Conscience has become a kind of intermediary between law and freedom. We need to return to the ancient understanding of conscience. It is an exercise not of a power but of a virtue like prudence, formed and perfected through practice. It is a kind of movement, a natural inclination to good which every human being has. Moreover, a Christian understanding of freedom - and not the U. The baptized should be instructed that natural inclinations towards the good are the source of freedom and morality. Freedom and nature are not contraries. Human freedom is not totally indeterminate and dependent only upon voluntary decision. On this issue of freedom, catechists and liturgists must be specific. They should point out that there are two kinds of freedom abroad today in secular democracies, each based on diverse understandings of human happiness. Father Servais Pinckaers, O. A freedom such as this is in opposition to the desire for happiness, and all others natural desires as well, yet it penetrates inward so as to shape the person to its exigencies. Thus the desire for happiness, clothed in freedom of indifference, is now as individualist and self-centered as that same freedom. Freedom of indifference, founded on external law and commandments, is the power to choose between contraries; the choice between good and evil is considered essential to freedom. At best, the Ten Commandments would be the heart of an examination of conscience. Its philosophical roots would be the nominalism of William Ockham and the Kantian moral imperative. Freedom for excellence, on the other hand, is the power to act freely with excellence and perfection. Here virtue is central to freedom. Freedom for Excellence is a habitus which requires practice for its development, in the same way that constant application is necessary for the development of artistic proficiency at the piano or organ. Law is progressively interiorized through the practice of the virtues of justice and charity within a community of friendship. An examination of conscience would begin with the Beatitudes. Such freedom depends upon moral attraction not obligation. It is founded upon the great law of the Gospel: Honest conversion is to learn the obedience of love. Centers of education have reduced to a muttering much of what has been mentioned. Parents are lacking in a catechesis on freedom, conversion, virtue and sin in secular democracies. Parishes and schools have not devoted resources for formation of Catholic families in the theological and cardinal virtues. Regarding formation in the virtues of purity and chastity some parents are exemplary in the catechizing their children. Others scarcely utter a word on these virtues. Misinformation about sex is invasive in all the media of communications. From their earliest years, young people are exposed to the hypocrisy, fraud and deceit of advertizing rhetoric. Young men and women hear little about their vocation to turn to forms of life that are more human, personalist and constructive; about their vocation to place eros, during the period of nuptial engagement, on the plain of self-sacrifice, about their vocation to renunciation in favor of the person loved; or about their vocation to encourage the growth of a love more profound, more mature, more stable, more authentic, more responsible. There is no catechesis on the unity between eros, a grasping, searching love, and agape, the love which is oblation, in which man and woman bestow on the other the good of self-giving.. The Sacrament of

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Reconciliation should be a school in which Christians learn that when they enter into a given state of life - marriage, priesthood, religious life, single life, they entrust themselves freely to a form, an indissoluble reality, which confronts all their centrifugal forces of disintegration with an iron hand so that they may discover all fruitfulness, virtue, and freedom within and through the peculiar form proper to that state of life to which they have been called by God. The revised Formula of Absolution has been completely transformed and now has a thoroughly biblical emphasis. It offers a unique opportunity for catechesis. The RCIA is an obvious place to begin. The renewed form of the Sacrament of Penance has made clear the Trinitarian and ecclesial nature of the Sacrament. In fact, the Rite of Penance encourages a deeper pastoral reinterpretation of the virtue-sin-conversion polarities.

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And indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him. The sick person before God The man of the Old Testament lives his sickness in the presence of God. It is before God that he laments his illness, and it is of God, Master of life and death, that he implores healing. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world,". By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service. He makes them share in his ministry of compassion and healing: And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them. But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life and that St. Paul suggests is connected with bodily health. Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord. Over the centuries the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death. Because of this it received the name "Extreme Unction. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given to those who are seriously ill by anointing them on the forehead and hands with duly blessed oil - pressed from olives or from other plants - saying, only once: May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. In case of grave illness. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced. The faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament. The sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention. If circumstances suggest it, the celebration of the sacrament can be preceded by the sacrament of Penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist. The Liturgy of the Word, preceded by an act of repentance, opens the celebration. The words of Christ, the witness of the apostles, awaken the faith of the sick person and of the community to ask the Lord for the strength of his Spirit. These liturgical actions indicate what grace this sacrament confers upon the sick. The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus. The sick who receive this sacrament, "by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ," "contribute to the good of the

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People of God. If the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly is it given to those at the point of departing this life; so it is also called sacramentum exeuntium the sacrament of those departing. It completes the holy anointings that mark the whole Christian life: 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: Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" Jas 5:

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### 8: Sacraments of Healing | St. John the XXIII

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