

WHEN YOU BECOME SERIOUSLY ILL – ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Catholics should ask for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

- AS SOON AS he/she becomes seriously ill
- If the condition becomes more serious,
- If the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls seriously ill.
- A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery.
- When one is in danger of death.
- Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.
- This sacrament is not administered to someone who is already dead.

Who can administer this sacrament: Priest, bishop

Priest will ask if you wish to go to confession first. One must be in the state of grace to receive a sacrament.

You will be anointed on your forehead and your hands during the sacrament with Oil of the Infirm which is blessed olive oil. This oil is ordinarily blessed by Cardinal during Holy Week.

Family and friends who are present may join in praying during the Anointing of the Sick

Priest may also have brought Holy Communion.

As death nears, ministers of Holy Communion may bring you Holy Communion (viaticum) daily – food for the journey home to the Father. Have family members speak to the nurse/chaplain at the hospital/ facility at which you are staying. If you are at home, they should call the local parish to attend to your spiritual needs.

As the moment of death draws near (As the family is called to the bedside) contact the priest for Viaticum and the Apostolic Pardon.

LOCAL PARISH PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME OF PARISH: _____