

Pastoral Care Of The Sick Rites Of Anointing And Viaticum 1st Edition By Catholic Book Publishing Co 1999 Hardcover

"One of the unique features of the revised liturgical books published after the Second Vatican Council is the provision of certain rites at which a layperson is able to preside in the absence of a priest or deacon. This book gathers in one place such rites excerpted from: Holy Communion and worship of the eucharist outside Mass, Pastoral care of the sick: Rites of anointing and viaticum, and Order of Christian funerals"--Introduction.

Healing of the sick is a prominent theme in the biblical narratives. However, when it comes to caring for the chronically and terminally sick, there are no clear directives in the New Testament describing how the church may minister to them. There are significant differences in the way many churches approach this matter. Even among the charismatic churches that believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including miraculous healing, are available to present-day believers, there are differences in the way the sick are cared for. This book investigates the pastoral challenges with regard to chronic infirmities and terminal illnesses in a charismatic-church context. This is undertaken with the understanding that many who are chronically and terminally ill in this context present poor medical prognosis and have remained unhealed in spite of prayers. Clear foundational values are drawn for defining the pastoral challenges and objectives. Three true cases, present in public domain, are presented and analyzed to identify the challenges. The pastoral-care objectives are defined, and strategies are drawn to meet these. The findings and conclusions would be relevant to the pastors, the sick and those who care for them, and indeed, the whole church. The author is personally involved in the care of the sick as a practicing surgeon as well as a pastor. Being a pastor in a charismatic church that believes in praying for miraculous healing of the sick and practicing modern medicine, the author is faced with the challenges of pastoral care for those with poor medical prognosis who remain unhealed in spite of believing in prayers; they are very close to his heart. The author provides the foundational principles and goals in the pastoral care of such situations and outlines the strategies for doing so without compromising the conviction that Jesus Christ still heals the sick.

This new edition of Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum is commended to the Roman Catholic Church and its ministers who care for the sick and dying by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rite of Anointing in English and Spanish.

Drawing upon the long history of care in the sacramental mission of the clergy, especially since the reforms of Vatican II, Father Duffy offers a new model that can stimulate both Catholic and Protestant pastoral care to fresh thinking and imaginative reconstruction. The model derives from the catechumenate, that lengthy process of study and service which, down through the ages, has preceded baptism and guided Christian formation. Reflecting a judicious use of interdisciplinary insights and praxis theology, Father Duffy's vision represents an ecumenical contribution to sharpened focus and strengthened identity for pastoral care and practice.

Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage. The Catholic Church has a long-standing and worthy tradition of taking care of her sick members. Indeed, this ministry is rooted in the ministry of Jesus himself who told his disciples that he did not come to heal those who are well, but those who are sick. This resource provides pastoral guidance for preparing the various rites found in Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum with particular attention to preparing communal celebrations, environment, music, and selecting from among the options in the ritual text. As part of the Preparing Parish Worship™ series, this book includes:

- Theological reflections on illness and Christianity
- A historical overview of the development of the Rite of Anointing
- A walk-through the various rites for the ordained and lay ministers
- Answers to frequently asked questions with responses to difficult pastoral situations
- Assistance with best liturgical practices
- Inspirational and informative quotations from Scripture and Church documents

With English and Spanish on facing pages, the rites of visiting, taking communion to and anointing the sick.

Pastoral Care to the Sick in Africa should not and cannot be given in a vacuum. It must take seriously the deeply rooted African Spirituality of the sick. It could do this by the method of dialectic dialogue between the gospel of Jesus Christ and African Spirituality. In this approach, African wholistic healthy practices and symbols are brought to bear on the Christian symbols. To this end the sick can identify with as well as invoke deep spiritual response. Consequently, the sick's faith in Christ is deepened and becomes a strong coping mechanism. This cross-cultural approach, though one of many, is significant. It enriches the overall understanding of the Christian Ministry of healing to the sick in Africa, Europe, North America and Asia.

Ritual can resonate to human need, and to this end there is much the ritualist can learn from the psychological insights into human development and personality familiar to those in the field of pastoral care.

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