

## Overview

In Chapter 16 the students learned about the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. In this chapter they will learn that Jesus and the Apostles cared for the sick and suffering, and that the Church continues the work of Jesus' healing ministry.

### Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The students will learn:

- Jesus heals those who are sick. . . . . 1503
- Jesus' Apostles preach and heal in his name. . . . . 1506
- The Church continues Jesus' healing ministry. . . . . 1509
- We are all called to care for those who are sick. . . . . 2228

Paragraph



**Anointing of  
the Sick**

## Catechist Background

**W**hat role does your body play in your relationship with God?

Sometimes we think religion involves our minds, and perhaps our hearts, but not our bodies. We may think of our bodies as confined to the realm of the secular. Jesus, however, was interested in the mind, heart, and body. He took a special interest in those who were sick. In the Gospels we find many stories of Jesus healing and curing. Jesus' concern was not only that people no longer suffer, but that they come to know God's mercy and love.

Jesus' healing ministry became an important part of the Church's ministry. From its beginning, the Church, led by the Apostles, healed in Jesus' name, a practice that continues to this day. Christ's "preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them" (CCC 1503).

In sickness, we experience powerlessness, limitation, and finitude (CCC 1500). Because of these effects, some people in our society try to avoid the

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

presence of suffering and disguise the reality of death. In contrast, Christians believe we must offer comfort and hope to those who are suffering and dying. We do this most readily through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In this sacrament, God's grace and comfort are given to those who are seriously ill, suffering the effects of old age, or are in danger of death. This sacrament renews the person's trust and faith in God. It might help restore those afflicted to health or give them strength to endure. Through the prayers and support of the Church's community, those facing death can do so with the hope of eternal life with God. Those who are suffering or dying can be strengthened by their belief in the crucified but risen Lord.

**H**ow does your attitude toward suffering and death reflect your faith in God?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in song and prayer.
- Discuss helping someone.

For the prayer space: a Bible  
 "Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd," #16, Grade 5 CD

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*Jesus heals those who are sick.*



*John 4:46–53*

- Read and discuss Jesus' healing ministry.
- Act out the scriptural story.

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*Jesus' Apostles preach and heal in his name.*

- Read and discuss Jesus' healing as a sign of the Kingdom of God.
- Design a magazine cover and contents.
- Discuss miracles in *As Catholics*.

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*The Church continues Jesus' healing ministry.*



*James 5:13–15*

- Read and discuss the Church's healing ministry and the importance of the sacrament.
- Identify ways the parish offers comfort and support to those who are ill.

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*We are called to care for those who are sick.*

- Explain ideas about caring for the sick.
- newsprint and markers

### 3 WE RESPOND

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- List ways to help the sick or elderly and plan social outreach.

• copies of Reproducible Master 17, Guide page 147C

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**Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

• copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 17 (back of book)

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**Chapter 17 Test**

- Complete **Chapter 17 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

• optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 17 (back of book)