

How to request the Anointing of the Sick

At home

Call your parish priest:

- ◆ As soon as you are scheduled for serious surgery.
- ◆ If you become seriously ill at home.
- ◆ If a loved one is failing or is to be placed on hospice care.

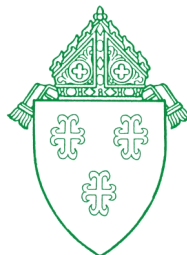
In a hospital, nursing home, or assisted-living facility

Ask attending staff for the procedure to request a Catholic priest as soon as you or a family member are ready to receive the Sacrament.

While the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not available to Catholics who have passed, a priest may be called to support grieving family members and to lead them in the Church's prayers for Commendation of the Deceased.

We care for the sick
because we see them
as children of God
and part of our
human family.
When one part
of the Body of Christ
suffers, we all suffer.

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What is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

The Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament administered by a Catholic priest to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. The priest anoints the seriously ill, the injured, or the elderly with the oil of the sick, a special oil used for this Sacrament.

During the anointing people receive forgiveness for their sins and are ordinarily offered Holy Communion. The Sacrament helps unite those who are suffering with Jesus's saving and healing power.



Who should be anointed?

- ◆ Persons with serious illness and/or serious chronic disease.
- ◆ Persons undergoing serious or emergency surgery.
- ◆ Persons with serious mental disorders or those in danger due to addiction.
- ◆ Victims of serious accidents.



- ◆ Elders who have become notably weak or who are in declining health.
- ◆ Persons on hospice care or palliative care.
- ◆ Sick children may also be anointed if the Sacrament brings comfort.



When should Catholics request the Anointing of the Sick?

- ◆ Catholics should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when seriously injured or facing surgery, or when in danger of death due to serious illness or declining health due to advanced age.
- ◆ Waiting until death is imminent may limit the person's ability to participate fully in this beautiful and comforting Sacrament.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is generally not available to non-Catholics.

Consult a priest for clarification.