

Anointing OF THE SICK

What is Anointing of the Sick?

- One of the seven Sacraments established by Jesus Christ, as seen in the New Testament
- The focus of this sacrament is on **HEALING**, not death
- Can be received by anyone who is seriously ill, infirm from old age, or facing a serious operation.
- A person may receive this Sacrament more than once, for a worsening illness or a new illness or procedure.

How do I receive it?

- Can only be administered by a Catholic priest
- Can be done anywhere – at a church, at home, in a health facility, or elsewhere
- As of summer 2020, many priests are not allowed to enter a hospital or nursing home
- **IF YOU KNOW** you are going to a hospital or other health facility, it would be best if you contact your parish and arrange to receive Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** going to the facility
- If already at a hospital, you (or a family member on your behalf) **MUST NOW** request to have a Catholic chaplain visit you before the priest may enter your room.

For more information or to find a parish close to you or the health facility, go to:

padrepioministry.org

