

Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of the Mercy of God

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

#1420 Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, a person receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this new life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God." (2Cor.4:7; Col.3:3) We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death. (2Cor.5:1) This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin.

(Image: "new life of Christ" let that sink in...baptism removal of sin and MORE)

#1421 The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health (Mk2:1-12), has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing the Sick.

The Church is a hospital, and not a court room...

St John Chrysostom c.500

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

other names: Sacramental Reconciliation

Confession

Sacrament of Healing

Sacrament of Forgiveness

Sacrament of Conversion

CONVERSION

kind	from...	to....
Emotional	blocked feelings	ability to use feelings
Intellectual	knowing the facts	knowing the meaning
Moral	keeping the rules	honoring the values
Religious	life a series of problems /tests	life a wonderful gift
Theistic	God is a force	personal relationship
Christian	historical Jesus	Jesus lives
Ecclesial	the Church is they	the Church is we
Gospel	concern: my salvation	concern: the reign of God
Liturgical	my prayer time with God	prayer of the community
Works of Mercy	charity	justice
Sin	break a rule/law/commandment	break a promise/vow

SIN **HAMARTIA** miss the mark

We live a vowed life; have taken vows to become Christ> renounce evil,
I give my heart (credo) to the mission and message of Christ
Sin has social consequences never something just between Jesus and me.

venial **mortal** (deadly)

1. seriously wrong 2. consider seriously wrong 3. full consent

NEW TESTAMENT Gospel of Luke "*Gospel of Forgiveness*"

Mark 1:4 "*baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*"

Matt. 16:19 "*keys of the kingdom...*" *binding and loosing*

John 20: 22-23 "*Receive the Holy Spirit....*"

Romans 5:20 "*...grace overflowed all the more...*"

History of the Sacrament in 4 Movements

1) **CANONICAL PENANCE** (rule book, public)

- Early Church "a second baptism" (for murder, adultery, apostasy)
- meet with confessor in private
- enter **ORDER OF PENITENTS** (modeled on Order of Catechumens)
 - +prayer and laying on of hands
 - +penance imposed
 - +dismissals
 - + "weepers" "kneelers" "standers"
 - + Holy Thursday absolution

2) **TARRIFF PENANCE** (Ireland 7th century - private)

- (in response to death bed confessions)
- +seek out a holy person ("sin doctor")
- +penitential books consulted
- +absolution

3) **MODERN ERA** (before Vatican II)

- +priest (judge)
- +absolution
- +penance

4) **VATICAN REFORMS**

- 3 forms 1. Reconciliation of Individuals
- 2. Reconciliation of Several
- 3. General Absolution*

restored features: Scripture, Liturgy, Community, Chapel

*conditions: resolution to turn from sin, resolve to make up for any harm or scandal,
confess any serious sin, demonstrate satisfaction (communal & individual)

Celebration of Reconciliation (1st form)

preparation: prayer and examination of conscience

-Reception of Penitent

"priest welcomes him/her warmly and greets him/her with kindness"

The Sign of the Cross and invitation to trust in God

-Reading of the Word of God (optional)

-Confession of Sins & Acceptance of Satisfaction (penance)

-Prayer of Penitent

-Absolution (priest's hands extended over head of penitent)

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son,
has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us
for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God
give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name
of the Father.... AMEN

-Proclamation of Praise and Dismissal

Varia

-the seal

-examination of conscience

-penitential celebrations

›gather to hear the Word of God proclaimed

›be called to conversion

›foster a spirit of penance

›prepare for confession (children, catechumens)

-new Order of Penitents (pastoral opportunity)