

Anointing of the Sick Pre-Assessment

Directions: In the left-hand column mark each statement true or false. Mark them again in the right-hand column at the end of our study of Penance and Reconciliation to see if you were right.

*Before beginning
your study*

*At the end of
your study*

True or False?	Statement	True or False?
_____	1. Sickness and suffering entered the world because of Original Sin.	_____
_____	2. Suffering can be, but is not always, the result of personal sin.	_____
_____	3. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick forgives sin.	_____
_____	4. Anointing of the Sick can be received for any illness.	_____
_____	5. The ordinary minister of Anointing of the Sick is a priest.	_____
_____	6. Because He was fully divine, Jesus did not really suffer during His life.	_____
_____	7. The Church offers Anointing of the Sick to those who would like to receive it, but it is not truly necessary to the Christian life.	_____

Answer Key

Handout A: Anointing of the Sick Pre-Assessment

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. False

Handout B: On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering

1. **Physical:** Being scourged, beaten, whipped, crowned with thorns, forced to carry the Cross, nailed to the Cross, and hung; agonizing thirst.

Mental: Jesus wept when His friend Lazarus died. He also suffered betrayal by Judas, sorrow when denied by Peter, anguish knowing He would be tortured and crucified, experiencing the humiliation of being stripped and mocked, watching His mother and other disciples suffer at the foot of the Cross.

Spiritual: He felt abandoned and forsaken by the Father during the Crucifixion.

2. Because He is God Himself.
3. The world's redemption.
4. The completion of Christ's suffering.
5. Jesus willingly offered Himself as a sacrifice. He was not simply a victim of suffering; He embraced it.
6. The Sacrament strengthens us to face suffering and sickness and even death that results from the Original Sin.
7. Accept reasoned answers.

Handout C: The Story of Anointing of the Sick

1. Anyone who is facing serious illness.
2. Through the Original Sin of Adam and Eve. Therefore it is a byproduct of sin and the devil.
3. He made it new and holy by willingly suffering and dying for all mankind on the Cross.
4. The priest, who is the proper minister, anoints with holy oil and lays his hands upon the sick person as a sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.