

Summary for April Monthly G.R.A.C.E. Session
Catechetical Area: Growing as Sacramental People
Specific Catechetical Theme: Sharing in Jesus' Healing Ministry
Event Focusing On: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Goals for the Evening:

1. Explore and appreciate the importance of Jesus' healing ministry. Key question: Why was healing such a large and important part of Jesus' ministry? Explore the many levels of healing in the gospels: Spiritual (forgiveness) healing; Physical healing; Emotional healing; Social healing
2. Understanding the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and ministry to the sick. Key question: How does Jesus connect the Church to his healing ministry? Explore the symbols used in the sacrament of the Anointing of the sick and their meaning (especially laying on of hands and anointing with oil); when, how and why it is celebrated.
3. Examine our response to illness and suffering in ourselves and the . Key question: Where do you see the healing ministry of Jesus needed in today's world? Explore not just pastoral care and compassion to the sick but the need for being involved in the social arena and change; why does suffering occur and what is our responsibility and faith response?