

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (2-25-24): PREPARING FOR DEATH

PRAYERS

- I. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.”
- II. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit”
- III. Saint and Virtue:
 - A. Saint Katharine Drexel
 - B. Justice

TRUE/FALSE

- __ 1. It is best to wait until a person is unconscious and on life support to call a priest to administer the Last Rites.
- __ 2. What is called Extreme Unction in the Traditional Latin Rite is now called Anointing of the Sick in the New Rite.
- __ 3. In the Anointing of the Sick, a priest’s hands are anointed on the back, while a lay person’s hands are anointed on the inside.
- __ 4. The number of anointing in the Traditional Latin Rite are the same as the number of anointings in the Anointing of the Sick in the New Rite.
- __ 5. If a person finds out he has dementia and will likely die in this state, he should consider making a thorough final Confession earlier than the average person approaching death would.
- __ 6. The celebrating of the Anointing of the Sick for one who is on the verge of death is the Sacrament proper to the dying Christian.
- __ 7. The celebration of Viaticum is the completion and crown of Christian life on earth.
- __ 8. The Church has not the power to offer a person approaching death the opportunity to be released from all temporal punishment due to forgiven sins but can only offer the forgiveness of sins through Confession.
- __ 9. A person approaching death is directed in the New Rite to make a Profession of Faith.
- __ 10. The bishop typically is the one who blesses the oil used in the Anointing of the Sick.

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- I. Form the habit of staying in the state of grace and carrying out corporal and spiritual works of mercy (remote preparation):
 - A. Necessary and frequent Confession
 - B. Necessary and frequent Mass attendance and reception of Holy Communion
 - C. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in a life of faith, hope, and charity

- II. Proximate and immediate preparation:
 - A. While conscious and otherwise capable, make a thorough and sincere Confession
 - B. Receive the Apostolic Pardon
 - C. Make a Profession of Faith
 - D. Receive the final Anointing of the Sick
 - E. Receive Viaticum

WITNESS BY FATHER BRIAN BAKER

QUESTIONS FOR FATHER JACK AND FATHER BAKER

MISSION/CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING