

# *Love, the Oil of Healing*

*September 4*



## ***Article 5 THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK (CCC)***

### ***I. Its Foundations in the Economy of Salvation***

#### ***The sick person before God***

**1502** *The man of the Old Testament lives his sickness in the presence of God. It is before God that he laments his illness, and it is of God, Master of life and death, that he implores healing.<sup>99</sup> Illness becomes a way to conversion; God's forgiveness initiates the healing.<sup>100</sup> It is the experience of Israel that illness is mysteriously linked to sin and evil, and that faithfulness to God according to his law restores life: "For I am the Lord, your healer."<sup>101</sup> The prophet intuitively understands that suffering can also have a redemptive meaning for the sins of others.<sup>102</sup> Finally Isaiah announces that God will usher in a time for Zion when he will pardon every offense and heal every illness.<sup>103</sup>*

#### ***Christ the physician***

**1503** *Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people"<sup>104</sup> and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins;<sup>105</sup> he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of.<sup>106</sup> His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick and you visited me."<sup>107</sup> His*

*preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul.*

*It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them.*

*...1505 Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."<sup>112</sup> But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world,"<sup>113</sup> of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.*

### **Matthew 8:7**

*And Jesus saith to him: I will come and heal him.*

### **Luke 9:2**

*And He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.*

## ***From the Book of Heaven***

**V3 - Apr. 23, 1900** - *This morning, finding myself outside of myself, I saw my sweet Jesus suffering very much, and I prayed Him to share His pains with me; and He said to me: "You too suffer. Rather, I will take your place and You will do for me the office of a nurse." So it seemed that Jesus placed Himself in my bed, and I, beside Him, began to check His head, removing the thorns which were driven into it one by one. Then I moved on to His body and I visited all His wounds; I dried up the blood, I kissed them, but I had nothing with which to salve them so as to mitigate the spasm, when I saw that oil was coming out from me. I took it and I salved the wounds of Jesus, but with some concern, as I did not understand what the meaning was of that oil coming out from me.*

**V11 - Dec. 30, 1916** - *"...Oh, how My Will and My Love triumphed in the midst of My enemies! They would strike Me with scourges, and I would strike their hearts with My Love; and with My Will I would chain them. They would prick My head with thorns, and My Love would turn on the light in their minds to make Me known. They would open wounds on Me, and My Love would heal the wounds of their souls. They gave Me death, and My Love gave life back to them; so much so, that as I breathed My last on the Cross, the flames of My Love, touching their hearts, forced*

*them to prostrate themselves before Me and to confess Me as true God. Never was I so glorious and triumphant as I was in My pains during the course of My mortal life down here..."*

**V25 – Jan. 1, 1929** - *"And I, who love him so much, in the first days of My Life down here, wanted to submit Myself to the circumcision, suffering a most cruel cut, to the point of snatching My baby tears. And by this wound I opened the door to the human will, to let it enter again into Mine, so that this wound of Mine might heal the wound of the human will and might enclose man once again in My Divine Fiat, that would remove from him the wood worm, the miseries, the weaknesses, the darkness; and by virtue of My Omnipotent Fiat, all of his goods would be redone and restored..."*

**V35 – Dec. 21, 1937** - *"What does it take to Restore this man? We will return again to Breathe on him with Stronger and Growing Love. We will Breathe in the depth of his soul; We will blow more Strongly into the center of his rebellious will—but so Strongly as to shake the evils by which he is trapped. His passions will remain floored and terrified before the Power of Our Breath. They will feel burning by Our Divine Fire. The human will, will feel the Palpitating Life of its Creator, and it will hide Him—like a veil, so that man will return to be the Bearer of his Creator. O, how Happy he will feel! We will Restore him and Heal him with Our Breath. We will be like a most tender mother who has a crippled child, and by breathing, whispering and blowing, she pours herself on her child; only then she will stop blowing on him—when she will have healed him and made him beautiful, like she wanted him to be. The Power of Our Breath will not leave him..."*

**V35 – Dec. 28, 1937** - *And my sweet Jesus, with a Love that only He can have, runs now to one, now to another, holding them close, pressing them to His Heart, touching them with His Creative Hands to heal them, telling them, slowly and quietly—to their hearts: "My child, I Love you. Receive My Love and give Me yours, and I will heal you—through Love." My Jesus, my dear Life, how much You Love us!*

**FIAT!**