

Chapter 16

Healing Signs

Heal me, Lord, so I may be healed; save me so that I may be saved.
Jeremiah 17:14I.

For the Parent:

In chapter 16 your child learned to:

- Recognize that Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are sacraments of healing
- Name ways he or she can celebrate healing
- Recognize the Church cares for the sick by praying for them and through celebrating the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

There is a clear relationship between the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Penance heals people from sin; Anointing of the Sick brings spiritual healing to those who are elderly, close to death, or seriously ill. Forgiveness of sin is included in both sacraments. These “sacraments of healing” are signs of God’s compassion and mercy, lived out in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

With Your Child:

1. Ask someone in your family to read you a Bible story about Jesus healing someone. Share the story at mealtime. Talk about how you and your family can help someone who is not feeling well.
2. Read about Saint Martin de Porres on the Review and Explore page.