

14. RESUME

I tried to inquire into a sacrament of the anointing of the sick from the very beginning of the church to nowadays.

It was proclaimed that during centuries was understanding and performance of this sacrament remarkably changed. Change of its name from „the last anointing“ to „the anointing of the sick“ is very important.

Fundamental changes after the II. Vatican Council were discussed in detail. Above all I concentrated to the sacrament as a remedy for soul and body and sacrament for the community not only for an individual.

It was pointed out that the viaticum is the sacrament itself.

Some contemporary problems (granting of the sacrament by diacons and laymen) were discussed from the pastoral view.

I described very briefly possibility of the cooperation with some christian churches in a pastoral area.

I tried to accent a contribution of the eastern churches to deepen teachings about the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

I tried to answer the urgent question why is this sacrament given so rarely and why does it have such a low popularity among christians.



