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We pray that the attentive use of these authorized liturgies and other rites and ceremonies by the Western rite clergy and laity of our beloved Archdiocese will be the cause of a spiritual and liturgical renewal within our church in North America.

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... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch ACTS 11:26

Public Anointing of the Sick

- *At an appropriate time, those desirous of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Unction, either for themselves or for others, may come forward to receive anointing from the priest. Anointing the forehead of each person and laying hands on each, the priest shall say:*

I anoint thee with oil, and I lay my hands upon thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; beseeching the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all thy pain and sickness of body, mind, or spirit being put to flight, the blessing of health may be restored unto thee. *Amen.*

- *After all have received the anointing, the priest may add the following:*

O BLESSED Redeemer, relieve, we beseech Thee, by Thy indwelling power, the distress of this (these) Thy servant(s); release *him* (them) from sin, and drive away all pain of soul and body, that being restored to soundness or health, *he* (they) may offer Thee praise and thanksgiving, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*