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CATHOLIC DOCTRINE CLASS**

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***Part D – The Seven Sacraments and the new “Sacraments,”  
Extreme Unction, pp. 476-479, begin Part E – Statistics***

**A. Basic Sacramental theology**

1. Four things absolutely needed for a valid Sacrament:
  - a. *Matter* the material needed
  - b. *Form* the correct, essential words of the Sacrament formula
  - c. *Intention* at the very least, that of “doing what Christ (or the Church) does”
  - d. *Minister* He must have the power to perform the Sacramental rite
2. Four requirements, as applied to the Sacrament of Extreme Unction
  - a. *Matter* anointing of each of the five senses with Oil of the Sick. The *Catechism of the Council of Trent* declares:

“Its element, then, or matter, as defined by many Councils, particularly by the Council of Trent, consists of oil of olives, consecrated by episcopal hands. No other sort of oil can be the matter of this Sacrament; and this, its matter, is most significant of its efficacy.”
  - b. *Form* *Through this holy anointing, and through His most tender mercy, may the Lord forgive thee whatever sins you have committed through your sight (or hearing, etc.)*
  - c. *Intention* “Doing as the Church does”
  - d. *Minister* Must be a validly-ordained priest
3. Benefits of the Sacrament of Extreme Unction (read pp. 474-475)

**B. Examining the Four Essentials in the New Rite of “Anointing of the Sick”**

1. *Matter:* Rendered INVALID, because Paul VI authorized the use of other oils beside olive oil: vegetable oil, etc. Also, priests were now allowed to bless the Oil of the Sick themselves.
2. *Form:* Rendered DOUBTFUL, because Paul VI changed the essential words to “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. Amen.” The crucial idea “may the Lord pardon thee whatever sins you have committed” was removed.
3. *Intention:* Rendered DOUBTFUL by not restricting the administration to danger of death only. It’s now the “Anointing of the Sick,” given for physical, emotional, or spiritual illness! (p. 477)
4. *Minister:* Rendered INVALID, because none of the “priests” are validly ordained.

### **C. Summary of Vatican II “Sacraments”**

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| 1. Baptism         | VALID, as long as the baptismal rite is accurately followed.              |
| 2. Confirmation    | INVALID, since matter, form, minister were altered                        |
| 3. Penance         | INVALID, since the “priest” is not validly ordained                       |
| 4. Holy Eucharist  | INVALID, since form, intention, and priest are missing                    |
| 5. Holy Orders     | INVALID, since form, intention, and bishop are missing                    |
| 6. Matrimony       | VALID (presumably), because couple administer to each other               |
| 7. Extreme Unction | INVALID, since matter & priest are missing, form & intention are doubtful |

### **D. Statistics**

1. Suffice it to say for now that although the NUMBER of Catholics has increased worldwide (291 million in 1910 to nearly 1.1 billion as of 2010), the number of clergy and of religious even more so has drastically declined (in U.S. there were 180,000 nuns before Vatican II; now there are less than 50,000, and they are far older median-wise than they were before).
2. Likewise drastically declining is church attendance on Sundays. As we saw last week, Sunday Mass attendance in U.S. among Catholics was 75% prior to Vatican II; it's now less than 40% (having gone down a few percentage points since Bergoglio was elected).