

Healing and Evangelization

As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give. —Matthew 10:8

- Jesus' entire mission was one of restoration, liberation, deliverance, renewal, and healing—salvation (from the Greek *sozo*).
 - ❖ He gathered the Church, empowered Her, and then sent Her out to complete His work of salvation to all the earth.
 - ❖ The ministry of healing was (and is) central to Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom and the Church's proclamation of the kerygma.
 - Through Her ministry and sacramental life
 - Through the work of lay apostles sent in to the world to make the Kingdom present in word and deed—especially through the charisms.
 - ❖ The work of restoration, liberation, deliverance, and renewal is the “birthright” of every baptized member of the Church (Romans 8:17)
- Theology of Suffering and the Ministry of Healing
 - ❖ God is not the author of suffering
 - ❖ In Jesus, we are not abandoned in our suffering and suffering has meaning
 - ❖ Two types of suffering—apostolic suffering and suffering that comes from living in a fallen world
- Three types of Healing
 - ❖ Physical
 - ❖ Spiritual—sin and its effects (unforgiveness, vice, etc.)
 - ❖ Emotional/Psychological
- Because the human person is an “embodied spirit” there is an integrity between the mind, body, and spirit
 - ❖ Therefore, healing must often take place in all (or multiple) areas before the person experiences the fullness of what the Lord desires to give him or her.
 - ❖ Many individuals need to receive some healing before they can freely respond to Jesus' invitation to new life!



Good Resources on Healing & Deliverance

Books

Be Healed by Bob Schuchts & Mark Toup

Healing by Francis MacNutt

Praying for Your Unborn Child by Francis MacNutt

Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World by Dr. Mary Healy

Deliverance from Evil Spirits by Francis MacNutt

Unbound by Neal Lozano

The Biblical Foundations for the role of Healing in Evangelization by Fr. Matthias Thelen

Lord, Renew Your Wonders by Damian Stayne

Instruction on Prayers for Healing by The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Organizations

John Paul II Healing Center: jpiihealingcenter.org

Christian Healing Ministries (Ecumenical): christianhealingmin.org

Heart of the Father Ministries: heartofthefather.com

M3 Ministries: m3catholic.com

Encounter Ministries: encounterministries.us

Documentaries

Fearless: fearlessdocumentary.net



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