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!

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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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