

Pertaining to the Blessing the Oil of the Sick in Emergent Circumstances:

Should one run out of the Oil of the Sick due to the inability of a parish or priest to receive new oils because of the postponement of the Chrism Mass it is permissible for a priest to bless the Oil of the Sick according to *The Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism* which states:

The oil to be used in the Anointing of the Sick must be blessed for the purpose by the Bishop or by a Priest who enjoys this faculty, either by virtue of the law or by a special concession of the Holy See.

By law the oil to be used in the Anointing of the Sick may be blessed by:

- a) One who is equivalent in law to the Diocesan Bishop;*
- b) In case of true necessity, any Priest.¹*

The “matter” to be used as the Oil of the Sick and to be blessed is Olive Oil.

The Rite of Blessing the Oil of the Sick is found in *The Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism*. Because of the potential emergent need, the Rite of Blessing is provided on the next page:

¹ *The Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism*, no. 8..

Placing an open container of olive oil before the Priest, the Priest prays:

Priest:

**O God, Father of all consolation,
who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak
through your Son,
listen favorably to the prayer of faith:
send forth from the heavens, we pray,
your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
upon this oil in all its richness,
which you have graciously brought forth from the
verdant tree
to restore the body,
so that by your holy blessing +
everyone anointed with this oil
as a safeguard for body, soul, and spirit
may be freed from all pain,
all infirmity,
and all sickness.
May your holy oil, O Lord,
be blessed by you for our sake
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.
Amen ²**

²² *The Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism*, no. 20.