

## **THE CHURCH IS A PLACE OF HEALING Part II**

The Samaritan man had compassion on the man who was beaten and robbed by the thieves. In a similar way, Christ looks upon all people and has compassion for them because they were “in distress and scattered” (*Mt. 9:36*). The man poured wine on the victim’s wounds to cleanse them and also oil for healing. Christ poured out His blood to cleanse us from our sins and He pours upon us the oil of healing. Then the Samaritan lifted up the man and placed him on a beast of burden. Christ lifted us up when He took up and bore the Cross, and carried our sins and our sorrow. The man was brought to an inn, where he was cared for until he recovered. Christ brings mankind into the Church. The Church community is the place in which Christ heals us by His word and through the sacramental Mysteries. There, He also strengthens us by our fellowship with one another.

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