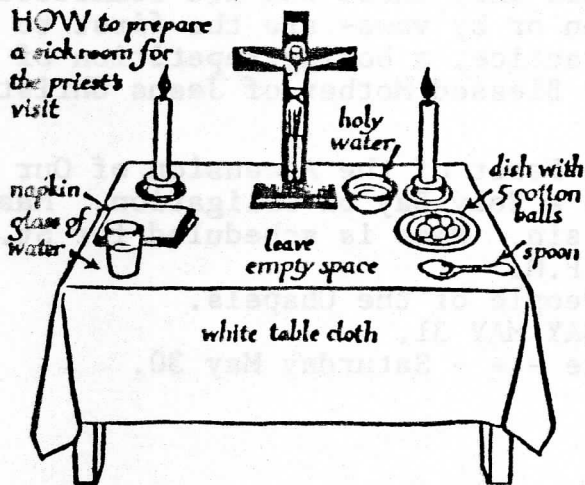


How To Prepare The Sick Room for the Priest's Visit

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1. Call the priest early. Do not wait until sick person is in coma or actually dying. Tell priest if sick person is conscious, and if he can swallow and retain food or not.
2. Try to provide transportation for priest, or at least ask him if he needs it.
3. Give accurate address, your own telephone number and good description of the place. If possible, place someone outside to guide the priest.
4. Pray with the sick person. Help him to make a good preparation. Don't surprise him or her by the sudden appearance of the priest at the bedside.
5. Prepare small table as shown in illustration. Use blessed candles for the sick.

6. When the priest comes, light the candles and put a chair near sick person's head.
7. Kneel while Blessed Sacrament is in the room or the priest administers the sacraments.
8. Leave the room for Confession.
9. Come back for Extreme Unction, Communion, Last Blessing and the Prayers for the Dying.
10. Answer the priest's prayers and assist him at Extreme Unction.
11. After the priest leaves, leave the sick person alone, or pray with him. Throw the used cotton and water into fire (not into sink or water closet).

Do your share in helping the sick person. Don't leave everything for the priest. Don't postpone — it may be too late. An honest word with the sick may be less cruel than to let them die without having the consolation of consciously settling their spiritual affairs.



HAVE ALWAYS IN THE HOUSE:

Crucifix	2 Blessed Candles
Holy Water	and Candlesticks
White Table Cloth	Cotton