

Chapter 20

A Healing Community

Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.

Luke 6:19

For the Parent:

In chapter 20 your child learned to:

- Relate how Jesus healed the sick
- Tell what happens in the Anointing of the Sick
- Describe how he or she can be a healer

Today, technology gives new meaning to the healing touch. Some churches equip family and friends of hospital patients with beepers. Whenever someone prays for the patient, they send out a signal. Every beep tells the patient someone is thinking about them. Most patients find the beeps soothing and comforting—a hand reaching out to lift them up, a lifeline of faith. Faith and prayer are powerful “medicine.” Studies show that patients heal faster when they experience strong support from family and friends. The Church provides a vital link to this healing community, offering hope, faith, and comfort. Through the actions of the community, Christ brings love and mercy to the sick and the aged.

With Your Child:

1. If a member of your family is sick or elderly, hospitalized or living in a care center, plan a family visit soon. If the person lies too far away to visit, telephone or send a card.
2. Pray with your family for those who are sick.
3. Read about Blessed Frances Schervier on the Review and Explore page.