THE ANOINTING WITH THE BLESSED OIL

The Oil is blessed by Our Lady, and pours out in a prodigious way from Her images. Therefore, it must be distinguished from the liturgical Oil (for the Sick, of the Catechumen or Chrism), which is blessed by the Bishops and is used in the Sacraments.

1. The anointing with the blessed oil is a personal act of trust in the fervent power of Our Lady, with this new title: 'Spring of the Blessed Oil of Everlasting Unction'; who intercedes Grace, for our heart and for our body, from the fatherly Goodness of God. Anyone who accepts Her with this title, can receive or carry out this anointing on others, consecrating themselves first to Her Heart:

O Immaculate Heart, Mother of My Lord, Spring of Holy Oil of Everlasting Unction, of You I ask, great sinner as I am, to show me Your secret¹ and today consecrate me to You.

- 2. Our Lady does not press us to look for miracles, but to grow in faith, aiming above all for the well-being of the spirit, leaving to the timing and the ways of Our Heavenly Mother, to intervene in the material needs of our life. Therefore it is good to trust oneself to Mary, as children with their mother, to be protected even from the snares of satan, through the intercession of the Archangels Saint Michael and Saint Uriel.
- 3. Since this act of faith is increasing rapidly, Our Lady suggests that the oil be multiplied in the following manner, so that there may not be a shortage: place nine drops of the miraculous Oil into a litre of extra virgin olive oil, so as to bless the whole litre. Then nine drops of this blessed oil can be used to bless another litre of extra virgin olive oil, and so forth to bless further quantities of oil. For the sick, the oil can also be used in food.

How to carry out the Unction

- 1. Dip a piece of cotton wool in the Oil and make a sign of the cross on the forehead (purification and illumination of the mind).
- 2. A second sign of the cross on the lips (purification of speech, and to grow in the spirit of mortification in all its aspects).
- 3. Then a third sign of the cross on the heart (towards the root of the neck), to purify, to embellish and to strengthen our feelings.
- 4. Finally, a fourth and fifth sign of the cross on the palm of the hands, so that all our work may be in conformity with God's law, injustice and charity.

While you carry out this anointing say the following prayer:

Mary, Mother of the Blessed Olive Tree, Most Holy Virgin of the Oil, touch us, love us and heal us in the heart, in Your way, with Your Love.

This anointing can be repeated according to one's spiritual or physical needs.

¹ See "Treatise on the true devotion to Mary" of Grignon de Montfort.