

## 2020 May Sacramental Practices Survey for NACC Member Priests - 142 of 383 (37%) responding



Below you will find how our priest members responded to the recent survey regarding Sacramental Practices in the COVID-19 environment.

66.43% of respondents are employed in Health Care facilities or systems with 89.13% working Fulltime.

95.74% provide sacramental services, with the Sacrament of Anointing being the most requested and fulfilled.

Eucharist, Penance and Last Rites are also performed with regularity.

84.89% provide Sacramental Services to non-COVID patients while

55.71% provide Sacramental Services to COVID patients.

89+% have been trained and have access to PPE

55% can only provide care from the doorway, so no sacraments are provided

37.5% defer to employed priest staff to provide sacramental care

91.24% provide the Apostolic Pardon in lieu of the Sacrament of Anointing or Last Rites

1. 66.43% are currently employed by Health Care Systems or Facilities  
17.48% are currently employed by their diocese or religious community  
06.99% are currently employed by the Veterans Administration  
09.09% are currently employed by other or not presently employed
2. 89.13% are currently employed full time  
10.87% are currently employed to work part time, per diem, or on call
3. 95.74% are asked to perform sacramental services  
04.26% are not asked to perform sacramental services
  - a. 84.17% perform them daily
  - b. 15.83% perform them less often
4. 96.43% perform anointing  
88.09% average provided Eucharist, Penance and Last Rites
5. 90.71% facilities have protocols for the administration of Catholic sacraments  
09.29% facilities do not have protocols for the administration of Catholic sacraments
6. 89.36% have been trained in the use of PPE  
10.64% have not been trained in the use of PPE
7. 89.21% have access to PPE  
10.79% do not have access to PPE
8. 84.89% perform Anointing and/or Last Rite to non-COVID-19 patients/residents  
15.11% do not perform Anointing and/or Last Rite to non-COVID-19 patients/residents
9. 55.71% perform Anointing and/or Last Rite to COVID-19 patients/residents  
44.29% do not perform Anointing and/or Last Rite to COVID-19 patients/residents
  - a. 55.00% can provide spiritual care from outside the room of the patient, thus no sacraments can be provided in person.
  - b. 37.50% Only a currently employed priest on the spiritual care staff can be trained with PPE to provide the Sacrament of Anointing
  - c. 07.50% All spiritual care providers are outside the hospital residence, and all spiritual/religious care is required to be provided remotely, so no in person services (including sacraments) are allowed.
10. 91.24% provide the Apostolic Pardon in lieu of the Sacrament of Anointing or Last Rites  
08.76% do not provide the Apostolic Pardon in lieu of the Sacrament of Anointing or Last Rites