



The Handy-Dandy Do It Yourself Anointing Oil Kit

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After browsing through many Clergy supply catalogs last night, I was reminded that the new up-and-coming Ministers probably couldn't afford many of the things in these wondrous catalogs of that which is holy. Well, the new Minister on the street can probably do without a new tab collar shirt just

now, but when it comes to staples-type supplies, you really don't want to have to skimp, as someone's well-being could be at stake. The one that really jumps off the page is anointing oil. \$4.98 for a quarter ounce of anointing oil... that just isn't right.

So about now, many of you are asking "what choice do we have?" Well, I can tell you exactly what choice you have... you can make your own. Start off by going to your corner grocer, and find "extra virgin" olive oil... this is essentially the same stuff they use in the catalog version, minus the fancy-schmancy scent. In this case, I found an 8 ounce bottle of "Pompeian, Extra Virgin" imported olive oil for a mere \$3.45; which works out to about 43 cents per ounce. Compare that to the \$19.92 per ounce of the catalog version.

But now you ask "how do we make it holy enough to anoint with?" The consecration process is rather simple... first, open the bottle (a very important step), and pray this short prayer of consecration over it...

Father God, creator of all that is, ever was, or ever will be, and protector of all who believe in you, bless this oil, and give wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it, bringing them to a deeper understanding of the gospel, helping them to accept the challenge of Christian living, and lead them to the joy of new birth in the family of your Church. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

At this point, you can now close the bottle, and keep it in a cool, dry place when not in use. You now have consecrated anointing oil, which is functionally equivalent to commercially produced products.

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