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Example of a Homily. Homilies are given during traditional mass but also during any other mass such as at a wedding, baptism or funeral. There are various techniques a priest will use to effectively convey his message during a homily. Often during a homily the priest will use his own experience to help listeners to understand the meaning of scripture or the purpose of his homily. This use of personal experiences is clear in the introduction to a homily given to address California’s Proposition 41 by Father Bill Messenger of St Eugene’s Parish in Los Angeles in 1984: "Perhaps man Here, then is the anatomy of a sin. Having suppressed the conscience, having muted the voice of God to the extent possible and removed oneself from Heaven’s influence, and finally having denied that any negative consequences will ensue, one feels freer to sin. It is as though one has taken a number of stiff drinks to anesthetized oneself sufficiently to proceed."