



Reconciliation

Sacrament Preparation Objectives

We have created this resource for the sacrament of Confirmation in connection with the move to restored order. The purpose is to help parishes in their promotion of different resources, to ensure the “basic” catechetical formation required by our archbishop prior to receiving each sacrament is carried out. Also to assist families who pursue homeschooling, to make sure their catechetical formation doesn’t exclude any of the following topics.

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1. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.
2. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. Know about Original Sin and its effects on our relationship with God and one another.
4. Know what sin is and the difference between venial and mortal sin. Know how sin breaks our love for God and neighbor.
5. Should have a sense of sorrow for their sins. (example: Prodigal Son, woman’s tears that wash Jesus’s feet).
6. Know the 10 commandments.
7. Know how God offers us forgiveness in reconciliation through the role of the priest. (John 20:22-23)
8. Should have experience with lectio divina.

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Sample questions to determine sacramental “readiness”

The following are sample questions a pastor or his delegate could use in a meeting with a child and their family to help determine if the child is disposed to receive the sacrament.

This is a resource that is meant to help you in a conversation with a child.
“Perfect answers” should not be required from children.

Objective	Potential questions
1. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.	» What is important to pray? » What does it mean to you to pray to the Father? To the Son? To the Holy Spirit?
2. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.	» Why do you want to receive the sacrament of reconciliation? » Tell me what you think about Jesus. » How would receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation help you to know and follow Jesus?
3. Know about Original Sin and its effects on our relationship with God and one another.	» What is Original Sin? » What happened when Adam and Eve fell? » How does Adam and Eve’s sin affect us today? » How is life different for us now than it was for Adam and Eve?
4. Know what sin is and the difference between venial and mortal sin. Know how sin breaks our love for God and neighbor.	» What is sin? » Are all sins the same? » What are the two main categories of sin and how are they different from each other?
5. Should have a sense of sorrow for their sins.	» Have you ever been sorry for doing something wrong?
6. Know the 10 commandments.	» What are the 10 Commandments? » What rules has God given us to help us live good lives?
7. Know how God offers us forgiveness in reconciliation through the role of the priest.	» Why do we go to a priest to have our sins forgiven? » What is special about a priest compared to other people?
8. Should have experience with lectio divina.	» Do you pray? » Do you read the Bible? » What is your favorite Bible story? Why?