

## RECONCILIATION/PENANCE Resources

### **We Prepare for Reconciliation**

Francoise Darcy-Berube and Jean-Paul Berube

This newly revised edition of the *On Our Way With Jesus* series, complete with short, thought-provoking, colourful sidebars invites children, parents, and catechists to enter the mysteries of faith more deeply, to pray more often, and to experience the sacraments of Eucharist and reconciliation more fully as joy-filled encounters with Jesus Christ. **31.BERU**

### **Welcome Home!** A Catechesis for First Reconciliation

James Bitney, Yvette Nelson

Tabor Publishing, 1992

Tabor Sacramental Preparation represents a most complete program for first sacraments. It is based on the notion that the most effective teaching takes place in simplicity. It is easy to use because each part of the program is based on the real experiences children have in everyday life. **31.BITN**

### **Penance Celebrations**

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1981

This book presents insights to help see the place of penance celebrations in parish and community life; assistance for the planning of these celebrations; and model outlines for these celebrations, as well as for the examination of conscience. **31.CCCB**

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** A Theological and Pastoral Reflection for the Ministers of the Sacrament

CCCB Publications

Do you seek renewed participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your parish? This brief text fosters a greater appreciation of the value, beauty, and power of Reconciliation on the journey toward becoming one again with members of the Eucharistic Assembly. A "must-read" for all ministers of the sacrament, this text provides important insights and opportunities for reflection for all the faithful who seek to strengthen their relationship with God. **31.CCCB**

### **A Catechesis on Reconciliation**

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### **Reconciliation Services for Children**

Gwen Costello

Twenty Third Publications, 1992

This book of ready-to-use reconciliation services will enable catechists and teachers to spend less time planning the service itself, and more time preparing children to receive the sacrament. Geared to children in grades two through six who are either preparing for first reconciliation or regularly receiving the sacrament in the parish or school. **31.COST**

### **The Forgiveness of the Lord Program**

Gaynell Cronin

Ave Maria Press, 1993

This program has been designed to support DREs, parents and the parish in the process of preparing children to receive the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. The program includes a *Child's Book*, a *Family Book* and a *Director's Manual*. The five weeks of the program combine a group meeting and prayer with home instructions. **31.CRON**

### **Removing the Barriers**

James Dallen, Joseph Favazza

Liturgy Training Publications, 1991

This book looks beyond the historical data to the pastoral issues and dilemmas that brought about - and continue to bring about - changes in the way church reconciles. **31.DALL**

### **Living Reconciliation Program**

Program Director's Guide / Catechist Guide

Francoise Darcy-Berube

Winston Press, 1985

This program is designed to help children prepare for the first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It promotes an active cooperation between parents, catechists, priests and the entire parish community, while emphasizing in a unique way the role of the parents as primary educators of their children. **31.DARC**

### **Jesus Forgives My Sins**

Mary T. Donze, A.S.C.

Liguori, 1993

This book is designed to help parents introduce the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a one-to-one basis with their child. Sr. Donze explains the sacrament in simple, loving language that young children will easily understand. **31.DONZE**

### **The Order of Penitents: Historical Roots and Pastoral Future**

Joseph A. Favazza

**PUBLISHER:** The Liturgical Press (1988)

*The Order of Penitents* combines a scholarly presentation of the history of penitential practices in the first three centuries with a pastoral sensitivity to the present situation of penance and reconciliation. In light of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's recommendation to the 1983 Synod of Bishops that an order of penitents be restored as a rite of the Church and the growing pastoral experimentation by parishes throughout the country, Father Favazza offers both a timely and very readable history of the practice. **31.FAVA**

### **To Walk Together Again: The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Richard M. Gula, SS

**PUBLISHER:** Paulist Press (1984)

The author offers an overview of reconciliations which can lay the foundation for a revitalized sacrament of healing. Beginning with the idea of community and hospitality, he provides a refreshing look at the nature of grace, the function of sacraments, sin in its modern perspective, the history of Christian reconciliation, and ends with a practical evaluation of the new Christian ritual. All will welcome this wise and compassionate book. **31.GULA**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

Scott Hahn

Drawing on the history of ancient Israel, the Gospels, the writings of the early Church, and the lives of the saints, the author reveals the living, scriptural heart of the Church's teaching on penance, forgiveness and reconciliation. **31.HAHN**

### **My Reconciliation Book**

This booklet guides children in understanding and in treasuring the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Includes captivating illustrations, complete text for both communal and individual Rites of reconciliation; prayers and responses to help children develop a deeper understanding of the Rite of Reconciliation. **31.HARC**

### **A Reconciliation Sourcebook**

The experience of alienation and reconciliation is fundamentally human. For this reason, no individual field of study can adequately contain it. This Reconciliation Sourcebook contains a wide range of texts that attempt to give insight from a variety of cultural and disciplinary perspectives. The familiar parable of the Prodigal Son is the framework for the texts, which are organized around ten themes, from division and alienation through penance, mercy and celebration. **31.HUGH**

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**Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist** (Total Parish Program)

This program invites children, families and the entire parish community to fully participate in the celebration of the Sacraments. Based on a full, well-developed liturgical model, this program forms, informs, and empowers all participants – leading them to greater participation. Excellent support for catechists and DREs. Coaching plans for parents. Catechetical sessions for children. **31.KELLY**

**Reconciliation: The Continuing Agenda**

Robert J. Kennedy, Editor

**PUBLISHER:** The Liturgical Press. (1987)

These essays help us to recover the meaning of reconciliation in the life of the Church and the renewal of the liturgies which celebrate it. They will not answer all the questions -- and in fact, they may raise some new ones. Nevertheless, they advance the conversation by reviewing historical data with new eyes, by making bold proposals for addressing complex issues, and by providing fresh insights into familiar material. **31.KENN**

**A Fresh Look at Confession...** why it really is good for the soul

David M. Knight

Novalis, 2013

The author speaks about the heart of confession, its meaning and mystery, and why it is so necessary for authentic followers of Christ. **31.KNIG**

**Making Things Right**

Jeannine Leichner

Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., 1980

Designed for use in grades two, three, or four, this book seeks to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation and all it involves in a positive way that makes sense to children. **31.LEIC**

**Penance: A Reform Proposal for the Rite**

James Lopresti

**PUBLISHER:** The Pastoral Press (1987)

Today's Rite of Penance has the potential for healing alienation within the church community. In clear, common-sense language, Father Lopresti shows how to infuse the celebration of these rites with new life. **31.LOPR**

**First Penance**

Francine O'Connor

Liguori, 1998

Topics include: God's Love, Jesus' Love, Sins, Family, Forgiveness, The Sacrament of Penance. **31.OCON**

**Pardon and Peace**

Alfred Wilson, C.P.

Covering such topics as: Find yourself confessing the same sins over and over? Here's the reason – and helpful advice; Types of inaccurate confession; If your examination of conscience tends to be a lengthy, nerve-wracking ordeal – then here's what you're probably doing wrong; Two chief considerations for weighing the gravity of a sin; Three conditions that must be present for a sin to be mortal; Four guidelines for confessing venial sins; Common excuses for avoiding Confession; and more... **31.WILS**

## VIDEOS on RECONCILIATION IN O.R.E.

### **FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession (set of 6 DVD's)**

This series explores the grace and healing offered in confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. **DVD#: 14.300**

**VID#: 14.301**

### **RECONCILIATION: CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS**

**SPEAKER:** Margaret Bowman

**PUBLISHED:** Twenty-Third Publications (1990)

This video emphasizes the effect of sin on the community, and the need for communal reconciliation. It recaps changes in the sacrament since Vatican II, and examines the different methods for confession.

**GUIDE. LENGTH:** 17 min. **VID#: 14.302**

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### **RICKY'S FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**PUBLISHED:** Twenty-Third Publications (1993)

In this live-action video appropriate for children in the second through fifth grades, we watch as Ricky prepares to celebrate his first reconciliation. A variety of settings and situations are used to illustrate an inclusive approach to sacrament preparation -- Ricky's home, his religious education classroom, and a practice penance ritual with Fr. Garcia. Seeing Ricky follow through this process helps children understand both the rite of Penance and the sacramental theology that surrounds it. **GUIDE. 10 min.**

**VID#: 14.304**

**VID#: 14.305**

### **A CHILD'S FIRST PENANCE**

**SPEAKER:** Fr. Joe Kempf

**PUBLISHED:** Liguori Publications (1987)

Set in a positive tone for First Penance classes with this uplifting look at the Sacrament. Join Father Joe Kempf and a class of 2nd graders as they learn about God's love for us -- and how the Rite of reconciliation is a very good way to show God that we love Him, too. This video offers a sound, well-rounded presentation that will help children understand the basic concepts of sin and forgiveness, realize the importance of the sacrament to their lives, and view Penance as a positive experience. The video also includes helpful instruction on how to participate in the Rite of Reconciliation. **GUIDE.**

**LENGTH:** 20 min. **VID#: 14.306**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PAST & PRESENT**

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Kathleen Chesto

**PUBLISHED:** Twenty-Third Publications (1991)

This video covers the history, ritual, and theology of this sacrament over the course of its presence in Christianity. From the linking of the Hebrew concept of penance and Jesus' concept of forgiveness forged in the early days of Christian communities; through canonical penance, the inception of individual confession, and temporal punishment; through the decrees of the Fourth Lateran Council, the Reformation and the Council of Trent; on into pre-then post-Vatican II belief and practice, this two-part video program gives a concise, thoroughly accessible overview of reconciliation.

Kathleen Chesto offers a most engaging presentation in the language that is comprehensible and clear.

The study guide included with *The Sacrament of Reconciliation* gives viewers the opportunity for further discussion and reflection. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** 39 min. **VID#: 14.307**

**PARDON AND PEACE****PUBLISHED:** Franciscan Communications

*Pardon and Peace* is the story of David, a young teenage runaway whose experience of pain and brokenness make him long for the lights of home. Simple, moving, eloquent, *Pardon and Peace* echoes human stories of separation and reconciliation as old as the Prodigal Son, and as contemporary as today's headlines. Ideal for use with intermediate through adult audiences - in religious education, retreat settings, and parish celebrations of Reconciliation. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** 12 min. **VID#:** 14.308

**THE ANGEL'S FIRST RECONCILIATION LESSON**

Twenty Third Publications, 2000

This delightful video offers children information about friendship with Jesus, forgiveness, and the Rite of Penance, and it walks with children through the various steps in the rite. Angels Michaela and Andre first talk to the children about friendship and how it can be damaged or destroyed. They then talk about Jesus as the best friend of all, who loves us and forgives us when we fail. They explain that Jesus forgives our sins at Mass during the penitential rite, but also in the sacrament of reconciliation. Children are shown how to make an examination of conscience. **Guide. LENGTH:** 12 min. **VID#:** 14.309

**FIRST RECONCILIATION: A FAMILY JOURNEY**

Oblate Media &amp; Communication, 2006

Engaging new program tells youngsters everything they need to know (but were afraid to ask) about their first experience with the Sacrament of Penance. The history and meaning of the sacrament and the joy of knowing God's forgiveness is explained in age appropriate language. The audience will hear the questions of a diverse collection of youngsters (just like themselves) and then see them participate in their own First Reconciliation service. Part 2 shows family activities that are fun and easy ways to prepare students and families for this important step in their child's faith journey. 15 min. **VID#:** 14.310

**CALL TO CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION**

Harcourt Religion Publishers

An inspiring video designed to introduce parents to this program. There are two parts to this video. Part 1: Welcome and Introduction featuring Father Joe Kempf and real-life stories of parents sharing their experiences of the sacrament as they prepare to bring their own children forward. Part 2: Conversation Maureen Kelly and Father Paul Turner discuss the history and theology of the Sacrament of Reconciliation thereby making it more meaningful to family members involved in the program and vignettes in which children celebrating the sacrament talk about their experiences. **VID#:** 14.311

**PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION**

This program supplements parish sacramental programs with a story and music video for the child, witness and teaching for parents, and models for parish programs in the leader's guide. **DVD#:** 14.312

## VIDEOS on RECONCILIATION IN LITURGY

### **Penance: Sacrament of Peace**

**PUBLISHER:** XXIII Publications

This is a meditative video that could be useful to Directors, Head Catechists, and for anyone developing a Penitential Service for a small group. Themes are forgiveness, reconciliation. Advised for adults. Because of its quiet, reflective tone, it could be useful for Penitential services or reflective periods at the beginning or end of a program. **LENGTH: 18 MIN. VID # 11.701**

**SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION:** a series of nine presentations presented by Father Michael Prieur on January 19-20, 1990 at the Diocesan Liturgical Conference. Owing to the non-professional quality of the taping, confessors and those involved in shaping consciences and teaching will find the viewing helpful.

See the complete set # 11.706 - 11.714. Others are condensed copies of these 9 videos.

### **Sacramental Reconciliation—condensed set— First of 3**

**AUTHOR:** Rev. M. Prieur

Non-professionally videotaped

First two talks: Present day reality; Conversion. (see videos #11.706 and 11.707 for further clarification) part of talk three may be included. **VID # 11.702**

### **Second of 3**

**AUTHOR:** as above

Non-professionally videotaped

Talks three and four: Historical development of the sacrament; sin (see videos # 11.708 and 11.709 for further clarification.) **VID # 11.703**

### **Third of 3**

**AUTHOR:** as above

Non-professionally videotaped

Talks five and six: Conscience; Pastoral practice. (see videos # 11.710 and 11.711 for further clarification.) **VID # 11.704**

## **SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: Full set**

### **Session I**

Rev. Michael Prieur

Non-professionally videotaped

The Decline and Rise of sacramental Reconciliation: New Insights and Experiences regarding the needs, healing and growth of people today. **LENGTH: approx. 1 hour each VID # 11.706**

### **Session II**

Conversion in the Hebrew Scriptures: applications to our world today. **VID # 11.707**

### **Session III**

Conversion in the Christian Scriptures: more applications for today. **VID # 11.708**

### **Session IV**

Historical Development of Sacramental Reconciliation: Clues for better celebrations for today. **VID # 11.709**

### **Session V**

Sin in a "sinless" world: Insights from Scripture and theology along with practical helps for us all in a complicated world. **VID # 11.710**

### **Session VI**

Conscience formation Today: Insights from Scripture and Theology on the formation of conscience today.  
**VID** # 11.711

**Session VII**

Sacramental Reconciliation Today: Pastoral Practice in areas of human sexuality, bioethics, marriage and social justice. **VID** # 11.712

**Session VIII**

Questions for Today **VID** # 11.713