



Pastor's Message

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What happened to the Sacrament of Penance?

One of the least utilized rooms in many parish churches is the Confessional/Reconciliation Room. Certainly, that fact is unsettling for a pastor. But, what can a pastor do about it? Could it be the pastor should share the **Top Ten Reasons** he participates in the Sacrament of Penance, as a penitent, and why it is a good idea for you to do the same?

10. I feel so much better about myself after I leave my sins with the Lord in confession.
9. Often, the priest/confessor provides the prudent advice I needed, at that time.
8. It doesn't exhaust a lot of time to go to confession. It is just a matter of 10-15 minutes, in most cases.
7. Each Roman Catholic ought to go to confession, at the bare minimum of once per year.
6. To worthily receive the Holy Eucharist at Sunday mass, the recipient is to be "in the state of grace."
5. Whatever I share with the priest/ confessor, I am absolutely certain will never, ever be told to anyone else.
4. If Jesus was kind enough to die for the forgiveness of my sins, then I should be able to confess them to Jesus, in thanksgiving for what He did for me.
3. The "penance" given to me is never too much to do for the forgiveness of my sins!
2. When I truly confess my sins, with the firm intention of change, I am exhibiting a desire to overcome the same temptations in the future.
1. Who would not want to receive the words, "I forgive you," after expressing a heartfelt, "I am sorry," for what was done that was wrong?

Come to confession! Do it tomorrow.

"Concealment makes the soul a swamp. Confession is how you drain it." Charles M. Blow.

Peace,
Fr. Marc