

Overview

In Chapter 15 the students learned about forgiveness and the Sacrament of Penance. In this chapter they will learn more about the celebration of Penance and about the Rite of Reconciliation for Several and Individual Penitents.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:

- The Sacrament of Penance strengthens our relationship with God and others. 1468–1469
- In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates God’s forgiveness. 1484
- In the Sacrament of Penance we trust in God’s mercy. 1470
- Together we turn our hearts and minds to God. 1474

Paragraph



conscience
Act of Contrition

Catechist Background

How important is reflection and feedback to improving your ability to teach?

When an athlete is not performing well, a coach will try to point out what is going wrong. It is the same with us in the spiritual life. We need to reflect on what we do and to seek guidance from people of faith.

Traditionally, an examination of conscience has been a good means for a spiritual checkup. Reflecting on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes, and the laws of the Church, we pinpoint what we have done and what we have failed to do to measure up to what God asks of us. This awareness and reflection can foster true sorrow for sins. “It is in discovering the greatness of God’s love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin. . . . The human heart is converted by

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

looking upon him whom our sins have pierced.” (CCC 1432) In turn, sorrow for sin can bring us to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Trusting God’s love and mercy, we confess our sins to the priest. We are given a penance, an action or prayer to help fashion us into more loving people. Finally, we receive absolution from the priest. Repentant and absolved, we are restored to right relation with God and his Church.

How will you reflect on your life as a Christian in order to grow?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials


1 WE GATHER

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Focus on Life




For the prayer space: a Bible and a small stuffed sheep
 "With Open Hands/Abierto Está Me Corazón," Robert F. O'Connor, #14, Grade 5 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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The Sacrament of Penance strengthens our relationship with God and others.




- Read and discuss conscience and its examination.
-  Reflect on relationship with God and write one reflective question.

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In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates God's forgiveness.

Rite of Penance



- Read and discuss the two ways to celebrate the sacrament.
-  Identify times the parish celebrates the Sacrament of Penance.




"To You, O Lord," #15, Grade 5 CD (option)

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In the Sacrament of Penance we trust in God's mercy.

Rite of Penance



- Pray the Act of Contrition.
- Discuss absolution.
-  Design symbols for the four parts of the Sacrament of Penance.

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Together we turn our hearts and minds to God.

- Read and discuss turning to God.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.

3 WE RESPOND

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Discuss the question on responding to God's call.

- copies of Reproducible Master 16, Guide page 139C

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 16 (back of book)

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Chapter 16 Test

- Complete **Chapter 16 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 16 (back of book)