

Testing Sheet for Reconciliation

Requirements for First Reconciliation

Prayers: The Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and the Jesus Prayer.

Understanding of Sin and Reconciliation.

The child should be able to answer the following questions:

What is sin? *(a thought, word, or desire that is wrong)*

Who does sin hurt? *(God, others, and me)*

What is an examination of conscience? *(Time to think about how I hurt God, others, and myself)*

Give an example of a sin that a child might commit. *(any reasonable answer is acceptable)*

What does the word reconcile mean? *(To become friends again)*

Why do Catholics go to the sacrament of reconciliation?

(To become friends with God and his Church: others and me)

What is absolution? *(Forgiveness)*

Role-play Reconciliation:

The child should be able to role play the following in order:

What is the first thing that will happen when you enter the reconciliation room?

(Father will greet you or say "Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my first confession and these are my sins.")

What does confess mean? *(To tell the priest your sins)* Give an example of sin.

What is a penance?

(A prayer (Our Father, Hail Mary, or Glory Be) or action that opens us to God)

Say an Act of Sorrow or Contrition. *(the Jesus Prayer)*

Sit silently as Father says the prayer of absolution.

What is the last thing you say to Father? *("Thank you.")*