

DVD : RECONCILIATION

Session III: THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

PARTICIPANT HANDOUT

PRE-SESSION ASSIGNMENT

- ⇒ Download and bring to class- the Participant Handout, Rite of Penance and the Examination of Conscience.
- ⇒ Read and review the Rite of Penance and Examination of Conscience prior to class.

Chapter I: Reconciliation– The Sacrament

- ⇒ **Formula for Confession:** The Examen; How Long It's Been; The Sin; The Penance; The Contrition; The Absolution; The Great Commission
- ⇒ **For Discussion:**
 - ◇ *Review of the formula for Confession. What important part is missing?*
 - ◇ *What is the purpose of each component of the formula?*

Chapter II: The Power of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

- ⇒ **For Discussion:**
 - ◇ *How are the promptings/ convicting of the Holy Spirit graced moments in our lives?*
 - ◇ *Fr. Guckin uses the sounds of Velcro (tearing apart/putting together) as an image of sin and reconciliation. How would you use this image (or another image) to teach sin and reconciliation to your students?*

Chapter III: The Deadliest of the Deadly Sins (Pride, Envy, Anger)

- ⇒ Sin-Pride/Remedy-Humility; Sin-Envy/Remedy-Admiration; Sin-Anger/Remedy-Forgiveness
- ⇒ **For Discussion:**
 - ◇ *From your experience in teaching, does one of these sins plague students more today than in the past? Explain.*
 - ◇ *As a catechist, why is it paramount for your classroom to be a haven of forgiveness?*

Chapter IV: The “Others” (Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, Lust)

- ⇒ Sin-Sloth/Remedy-Zeal for the Kingdom; Sin-Greed/Remedy-Generosity; Sin-Gluttony/Remedy-Asceticism; Sin-Lust/Remedy-Chastity
- ⇒ **For Discussion:**
 - ◇ *Father Guckin shares a quote from Hilaire Belloc in relationship to Catholic teaching and the seven deadly sins. “Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, There’s always laughter and good red wine. At least I’ve always found it so. Benedicamus Domino! (let us bless the Lord). What is your understanding of his reasoning for this quote?*