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Reconciliation

Sacrament Preparation Objectives

We have created this resource for the sacrament of Reconciliation in connection with the move to restored order. The purpose of this is to help parishes in their promotion of different resources, to ensure the "basic" catechetical formation required by our archbishop prior to receiving each sacrament is carried out. Also, to assist families who pursue homeschooling, to make sure their catechetical formation doesn't exclude any of the following topics.

Reconciliation Sacrament Preparation Objectives
1. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.
2. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. Know about Original Sin and its effects on our relationship with God and one another.
4. Know what sin is and the difference between venial and mortal sin. Know how sin breaks our love for God and neighbor.
5. Should have a sense of sorrow for their sins. (example: Prodigal Son, woman's tears that wash Jesus's feet)
6. Know the 10 commandments.
7. Know how God offers us forgiveness in reconciliation through the role of the priest. (John 20:22-23)
8. Should have experience with <i>lectio divina</i> .



Reconciliation

Sample questions to determine sacramental "readiness"

The following are sample questions a pastor or his delegate could use in a meeting with a child and their family to help determine if the child is disposed to receive the sacrament.

This is a resource that is meant to help you in a conversation with a child. "Perfect answers" should not be required from children.

Objective	Potential questions
1. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is it important to pray?• What does it mean to you to pray to the Father? To the Son? To the Holy Spirit?
2. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do you want to receive the sacrament of reconciliation?• Tell me what you think about Jesus• How would receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation help you to know and follow Jesus?
3. Know about Original Sin and its effects on our relationship with God and one another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Original Sin?• What happened when Adam and Eve fell?• How does Adam and Eve's sin affect us today?• How is life different for us now than it was for Adam and Eve?
4. Know what sin is and the difference between venial and mortal sin. Know how sin breaks our love for God and neighbor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is sin?• Are all sins the same?• What are the two main categories of sin and how are they different from each other?
5. Should have a sense of sorrow for their sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you ever been sorry for doing something wrong?
6. Know the 10 commandments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the 10 Commandments?• What rules has God given us to help us live good lives?
7. Know how God offers us forgiveness in reconciliation through the role of the priest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do we go to a priest to have our sins forgiven?• What is special about a priest compared to other people?
8. Should have experience with lectio divina.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you pray?• Do you read the Bible?• What is your favorite Bible story? Why?



Eucharist

Sample questions to determine sacramental "readiness"

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Objective	Potential questions
1. Know the connection between Passover/Exodus and the Last Supper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell me about the story of the Passover and the Exodus from Egypt?• How is that related to the Last Supper?• How is that related to the Mass?
2. Know the teaching of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist: body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the Eucharist?• What are the bread and wine transformed into?• Why is receiving the Eucharist important?
3. Know the Eucharist is truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus.	
4. Know that the Mass is made up of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the two main parts of the Mass?• What do we do in the first part of Mass?• What do we do in the second part of Mass?
5. Should express belief in the teaching of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you believe the Eucharist is?• Do you believe Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist?• What does that mean for you?
6. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does receiving the Eucharist help you grow in your relationship with Jesus?
7. Should have experience with Mass and desire to participate fully in it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do you want to receive Jesus in the Eucharist?• What do you hope receiving the Eucharist will do for you?• Tell me about an experience of prayer that you have had while preparing for this sacrament.
8. Know how to have prayer with Jesus after receiving Holy Communion; how to have a heart to heart conversation with Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What should we do after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion?



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Eucharist Sacrament Preparation Objectives
1. Know the connection between Passover/Exodus and the Last Supper
2. Know the teaching of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.
3. Know the Eucharist is truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus.
4. Know that the Mass is made up of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist
5. Should express belief in the teaching of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
6. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.
7. Should have experience with Mass and desire to participate fully in it.
8. Know how to have prayer with Jesus after receiving Holy Communion; how to have a heart to heart conversation with Jesus.



Confirmation

Sample questions to determine sacramental "readiness"

The following are sample questions a pastor or his delegate could use in a meeting with a child and their family to help determine if the child is disposed to receive the sacrament.

This is a resource that is meant to help you in a conversation with a child. "Perfect answers" should not be required from children.

Objective	Potential questions
1. Know what a sacrament is.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a sacrament?• Why do we receive sacraments?
2. Have an awareness of Baptism and our true identity in Jesus Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What happens to a soul when a person is baptized?• Whose life do we receive in baptism?
3. Know that we receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and are strengthened through Confirmation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does the Holy Spirit have to do with Baptism and Confirmation?• When do we receive the Holy Spirit for the first time?• Where do we get strengthened by the Holy Spirit?• What are we strengthened for?
4. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is it important to pray?• What does it mean to you to pray to the Father? To the Son? To the Holy Spirit?
5. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you want Jesus to be in your life? Why?• How is Jesus calling you, like the disciples, to share your faith with others (at home, school, friends, etc.)?
6. Know the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?• What do the gifts help to do?• Who do they help us to know?
7. Know that we need to be faithful to God's commandments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is it important to follow God's Commandments?
8. Should have experience with lectio divina.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell me about an experience in prayer and/or reading of Scripture that you have had while preparing for this sacrament.• How have you gotten to know God better while preparing for this sacrament?



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Confirmation

Sacrament Preparation Objectives

We have created this resource for the sacrament of Confirmation in connection with the move to restored order. The purpose of this is to help parishes in their promotion of different resources, to ensure the "basic" catechetical formation required by our archbishop prior to receiving each sacrament is carried out. Also, to assist families who pursue homeschooling, to make sure their catechetical formation doesn't exclude any of the following topics

Confirmation Sacrament Preparation Objectives
1. Know what a sacrament is.
2. Have an awareness of Baptism and our true identity in Jesus Christ.
3. Know that we receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and are strengthened through Confirmation.
4. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.
5. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.
6. Know the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.
7. Know that we need to be faithful to God's commandments.
8. Should have experience with lectio divina.



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Saints Among Us

Adapted Curriculum Guide

The purpose of this "adapted curriculum guide" is to reduce the Saints Among Us curriculum to its most essential lessons and make it more "doable" or "achievable" for a family who is home schooling using the resource during the Pandemic. This in no way suggests that any of the lessons left out are unimportant. This is simply attempting to require only those lessons that are crucial in preparation for the sacraments.

1st Year (2nd Grade)

First Semester (God's Road Map - 6 essential lessons)

- Lesson 3: The Fall of Man
- Lesson 7: The Ten Commandments
- Lesson 9: Israel Waits for a Savior
- Lesson 10: Life of Jesus
- Lesson 11: The Paschal Mystery
- Lesson 12: Pentecost and the Church

Second Semester (Reconciliation - 6 essential lessons)

- Lesson 1: Original Sin and Baptism
- Lesson 2: What is Reconciliation
- Lesson 4: Personal Sin and the Second Commandment
- Lesson 10: The Act of Contrition and the Ninth and Tenth Commandments
- Lesson 11: Penance and Commandment Review
- Lesson 12: Examination of Conscience and Confession Review

2nd Year (3rd Grade)

First Semester (Confirmation - 8 essential lessons)

- Lesson 1: Baptism and the Father's Plan
- Lesson 2: What is Confirmation?
- Lesson 4: Receiving the Holy Spirit
- Lesson 6: The Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge
- Lesson 7: The Gifts of Counsel and Fortitude
- Lesson 8: The Gifts of Piety and Fear of the Lord
- Lesson 10: The Rite of Confirmation
- Lesson 11: Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Second Semester (Eucharist - 7 essential lessons)

- Lesson 2: The Passover and Last Supper
- Lesson 3: Bread from Heaven
- Lesson 5: The Liturgy of the Word
- Lesson 6: The Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Lesson 7: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity
- Lesson 10: Sacraments of Initiation and Reconciliation
- Lesson 11: How to Receive Communion



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Santos Entre Nosotros

Guía de currículo adaptado

El propósito de esta "guía curricular adaptada" es reducir el currículo de Santos Entre Nosotros a sus lecciones más esenciales haciéndolo más "práctico" o "alcanzable" para una familia que está educando en casa, utilizando el recurso durante la pandemia. Esto de ninguna manera sugiere que algunas de las lecciones omitidas no sean importantes. Simplemente se intenta solicitar aquellas lecciones que son cruciales en la preparación para los sacramentos.

Primer Año (2.º grado)

Primer semestre (El Mapa de Dios - 6 lecciones esenciales)

- Lección 3: La Caída del Hombre
- Lección 7: Los Diez Mandamientos
- Lección 9: Israel Espera un Salvador
- Lección 10: La Vida de Jesús
- Lección 11: El Misterio Pascual
- Lección 12: Pentecostés y la Iglesia

Segundo semestre (Reconciliación - 6 lecciones esenciales)

- Lección 1: El Pecado Original y el Bautismo
- Lección 2: ¿Qué es la Reconciliación?
- Lección 4: El Pecado Personal y el Segundo Mandamiento
- Lección 10: El Acto de Contrición, Noveno y Décimo Mandamientos
- Lección 11: La Penitencia y Repaso de los Mandamientos
- Lección 12: Examen de Conciencia y Repaso de la Confesión

Segundo año (3.º grado)

Primer semestre (Confirmación - 8 lecciones esenciales)

- Lección 1: Bautismo y el Plan del Padre
- Lección 2: ¿Qué es la Confirmación?
- Lección 4: Recibiendo el Espíritu Santo
- Lección 6: Los Dones de Sabiduría, Entendimiento y Ciencia
- Lección 7: Los Dones de Consejo y Fortaleza
- Lección 8: Los Dones de Piedad y Temor de Dios
- Lección 10: El Rito de Confirmación
- Lección 11: Imposición de Manos y Unción

Segundo semestre (Eucaristía - 7 lecciones esenciales)

- Lección 2: La Pascua y la Última Cena
- Lección 3: El Pan del Cielo
- Lección 5: La Liturgia de la Palabra
- Lección 6: La Liturgia de la Eucaristía
- Lección 7: Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad
- Lección 10: Sacramentos de Iniciación y Reconciliación
- Lección 11: Cómo Recibir la Comunión