

RECONCILIATION SKIT

The priest is seated in the confessional and a student walks in and sits down.

The priest and the student make the sign of the cross together.

Student: Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. This is my first confession. My sins are; I hit my brother. I lied to my mom. I took my sister's game without asking. I am sorry for these and all the sins I have forgotten.

Priest: When you are mad at your brother, why not try to think of some other way to communicate your frustration. Rather than hitting him, count to 10 to help you calm down, then try telling your brother what's wrong, or ask one of your parents to help in the situation. Ok? Now ask Mary and the saints to pray for you.

For your penance, I want you to say an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory be prayer. Also, do an act of kindness for your brother. Now, please say your Act of Contrition.

Student: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. And I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Priest: Now I will give you absolution from your sins.

The priest holds his hands above the student's head and prays the prayer of absolution.

Priest: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins.

The priest and student make the sign of the cross together as he says:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Student: His mercies endure forever. Thank you, Father!

The student leaves the confessional immediately kneels down to silently pray his or her penance. They can also thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Penance.