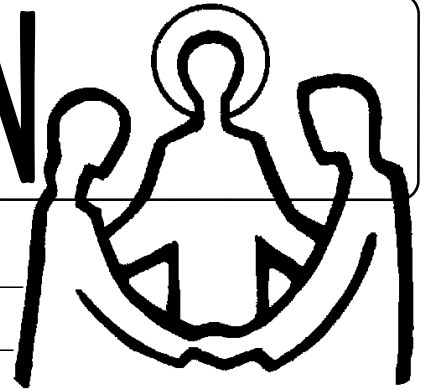


UNIT 6 RECONCILIATION



A RECONCILIATION means M _____
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 A _____



B

Read and reflect Psalm 51. It is about turning back to God and asking for a clean heart.

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences;
 wash me clean from my guilt, purify me from my sin.
 For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind.
 Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong.
 Purify me with hyssop till I am clean, wash me till I am whiter than snow.
 Turn away your face from my sins, and wipe away all my guilt.
 God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit,
 do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness.
 Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit.
 I shall teach the wicked your paths, and sinners will return to you.
 Deliver me from bloodshed, God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will acclaim your saving justice.
 Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise.
 Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire.
 Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.



C ATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH



Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as 'the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace.

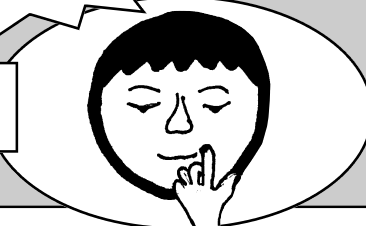
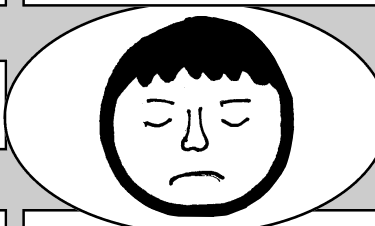


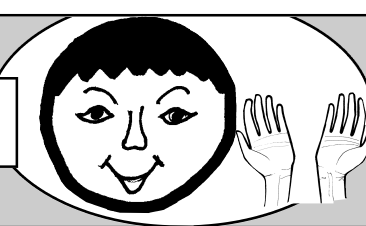
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1. Why do we need Reconciliation?

2. Give examples of times when we do something against God's will.

C Celebrating Reconciliation — 5 simple steps

How?

1	T_____ of my S_____.	
2	Be S_____ for my S_____.	
3	Go to the P_____. Talk about your sins.	
4	Do your P_____.	
5	Say T_____ Y_____ to God.	

D Complete this Crossword.

1. There are seven in the Catholic Church.	→					R													
2. The gift God gives us in the Sacrament of Penance.	→					E													
3. Is examined before the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	→					C													
4. Who offers me Forgiveness in this Sacraments.	→					O													
5. I tell my sins to the priest.	→					N													
6. After receiving this Sacrament I gain ... again.	→					C													
7. Who is instead of God in this Sacrament of Reconciliation.	→					I													
8. Making friends again.	→					L													
9. Decisions.	→					I													
10. Making up for my sins.	→					A													
11. When I do what Jesus asks me I make ... decisions.	→					T													
12. A wrong decision I make can lead me to ...	→					I													
13. How should I feel about my sins.	→					O													
14. These type of decisions mean I am not doing what Jesus wants.	→					N													

Prayer

