

About This Section

Part One: For the Program Director

This sacrament preparation program provides resources for the immediate preparation of candidates prior to the celebration of Reconciliation. Children and young people in this preparation would be considered catechized in the faith and participating in ongoing catechesis for their age group.

This sacrament preparation program is designed for:

Baptized children of catechetical age (seven years and older) who are now preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

This section is designed to assist in the implementation of the program.

You will find many practical tools, “how-to’s,” and inspiring resources.

This section includes:

- **Welcome**
- **Models for Using the RCL Sacrament Preparation Program**
- **Program Philosophy**
- **Scope and Sequence**
- **Role of the Family, the Catechist, and the Assembly**
- **Initial Letter to Parents**
- **Guidelines for Planning the Celebration of the Sacraments**
 - Rite for Reconciliation of Individual Penitents
 - Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution

● Professional Articles

These articles can be used to enrich your own background, catechist training, parent meetings, adult education, parish resources, parish/school staff development, pastoral council formation, liturgy committee updating, and for reprint in the parish bulletin or parish newsletter.

—**Readiness for the Sacraments**

—**Learning the History:
The Essential Parts of the Sacrament**

—**The Paths of Forgiveness:
The Many Ways God’s Forgiveness Touches Our Lives**

—**An “Uninterrupted Task”:
Continuing Conversion and Conscience Formation**

—**Sin and Grace**

—**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:
The Church’s Practice and Understanding of the Sacrament**

—**The Church as a Reconciled and Reconciling Community**

—**Symbol and Ritual in the Preparation for Sacraments**

- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Using the *Reconciliation* Music CD**
- **Using RCL’s “Sacraments” Web Site**
- **Checklist for the Director**
- **Program Evaluations**

Using RCL's "Sacraments" Web Site

Visit RCL's web site for sacraments, which is found by simply following the link titled "Sacraments" at www.FaithFirst.com. The "Sacraments" home page will reveal the menu of activities and options for children, young people, parents, and catechists.

RCL's "Sacraments" web site was designed to enrich and expand this program for Reconciliation. The web site provides young people the opportunity to have fun and engage in interactive multimedia that connect to their immediate sacrament preparation. The web site gives parents the opportunity to explore further their role with their children in sacrament preparation, and it supports catechists with additional resources.

Here are some things you will find on the RCL "Sacraments" web site:

For Children and Young People

- Interactive Church Tour
- Interactive Walk Through the Rites of Reconciliation
- Games
- Fun Reviews

For Parents

- Scripture Stories
- Lectionary Connection for Each Week
- Mealtime Prayers
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Ways to Use and Expand "Together as a Family" Sections

For Catechists

- Scripture Stories
- Lectionary Connection for Each Week
- Downloads: What Difference Does It Make?
- Community Service Ideas

Here are some ways to encourage people to use the web site:

- Remind parents to go to RCL's "Sacraments" web site; provide the address at every meeting.
- Visit the web site yourself and pick out your favorite activity and share it with parents and catechists.
- Publish the web site address in your parish bulletin, newsletter, and notices sent home to parents.
- Include RCL's web site address on all correspondence to parents and catechists.
- Demonstrate one of the interactive games or activities at a parent or catechist orientation gathering.

