

Resources for Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Print resources

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Video resources

The video resources listed below are available from the AV Resource Center, 1150 Buffalo Rd. Rochester, NY 14624. Contact Sr. Connie Derby at 585-328-3228 x1201 or derby@dor.org.

For young people:

First Reconciliation: A Family Journey (15 minutes; *Oblate Media and Communication, 2006*) Children will see and hear the answers to some of their questions about sin, forgiveness and the sacrament and parents will learn some practical ways they can help prepare their children for first reconciliation.

Ricky's First Reconciliation: The Rite of Penance (9 minutes; *Twenty-Third Publications, 1993*) Viewers follow Ricky through the process of preparing for his first reconciliation.

We Forgive: Reconciliation (11 minutes; *St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2002*) Through story and ritual this program helps viewers understand that the sacrament helps to heal relationships with God and others when a wrong has been done.

For parents:

Celebrating Reconciliation With Families (58 minutes; *Harcourt Religion, 1999*) In four segments that vary in length, Fr. Joe Kempf gives a perspective on the sacrament and provides suggestions for helping children receive this gift.

The Church Celebrates the Reconciling God (31 minutes; *St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1999*) This Catholic Update video features segments that focus on the history, theology and practice of the sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (39 minutes; *Twenty-Third Publications, 1991*) Kathleen Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of the sacrament in the church from Hebrew times to post-Vatican II.

This list is a **sampling** of titles available. For further information about the videos listed here and **many more** titles go to the online AV catalog at av.dor.org or www.dor.org (Offices and Ministries/Evangelization and Catechesis/AV Resources/AV Library)

Publishers

The companies listed below offer sacramental preparation programs for reconciliation. Sample copies are available at the AV Resource Center.

Benziger

www.mhbenziger.com

Harcourt Religion Publishers

www.harcourtreligion.com

Pflaum

www.Pflaum.com

Resources for Christian Living

www.RCLweb.com

William H. Sadlier

www.sadlier.com

SilverBurdett

www.sbreligion.com