

The priest helps me. Through the Church,
in Christ's name, he absolves
or frees me from my
sins.



He brings all of
us together again
in peace and
f_____ship.

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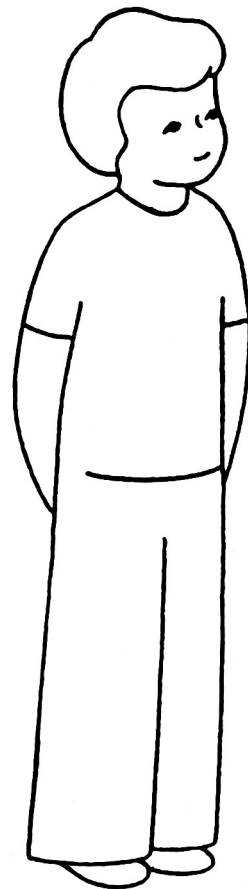
When we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, two people are especially important--

the p_____ and _____.

I am s_____ for my sins.

I want to be b_____.

I need f_____ness
and reconciliation with
my b_____ and s_____.



QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE GOING TO CONFESSION

A few days or at least the evening before we come to Confession, we should sit down and carefully think about the ways in which we have behaved toward God, toward our family and friends, and even toward ourselves. As we look at our lives, we should try to keep in mind the ways in which we have sinned--how we have been disobedient, or how we have done things which separate us from God and from other men. Here are some questions which you can ask yourself; try to see the ways in which you have behaved well or badly.

I. *How have I behaved towards God?*

Did I pray to Him everyday?

Did I thank Him?--in the morning, at meals, in the evening, or whenever I remembered how good He has been to me?

Have I used words which use the Name of God in a bad way?

Have I really loved God and tried to live as He wants me to live, or do I easily forget Him and forget to follow His Commandments?

II. *How Have I behaved towards my family and friends?*

Have I remembered my family, my friends and all people who need God in my prayers?

Have I been good to my parents and given them my love? Have I been honest with them and answered them truthfully whenever they asked me something? Or, have I lied to them? Have I been stubborn or disrespectful? Have I become angry? Have I disobeyed them? Have I been kind to my grandparents and to older people?

Have I been good to my brothers and sisters? Have I shared my things with them? Or, have I been selfish and taken everything for myself? Have I helped them? Have I done my share of my duties at home?

Have I been good to my friends and teachers? Have I become angry, or selfish, or disrespectful? Have I taken something which doesn't belong to me? Have I been lazy in my schoolwork, or have I cheated in my work? Have I tried to help someone, even in some small way? Have I made fun of anyone? Have I tried to make new students feel at home, or, have I ignored them and played only with my old friends? Have I tried to make friends with someone who is lonely and doesn't have many friends?

Have I spoken badly about someone else? Have I been mean to anyone?

Have I used in a good way the things that God, my family and friends have given to me? Have I treated my pets and other animals well? Have I treated other people's property in a good way?

III. *How have I behaved towards myself?*

Have I been responsible?--have I done things that other people have asked me to do: at home, in school, with groups of other people?

Have I boasted (or thought) about being better than other people?

Have I taken the advice from my parents and teachers about how to treat my own body in a good way--by getting enough sleep, eating the right kind of food, etc.?

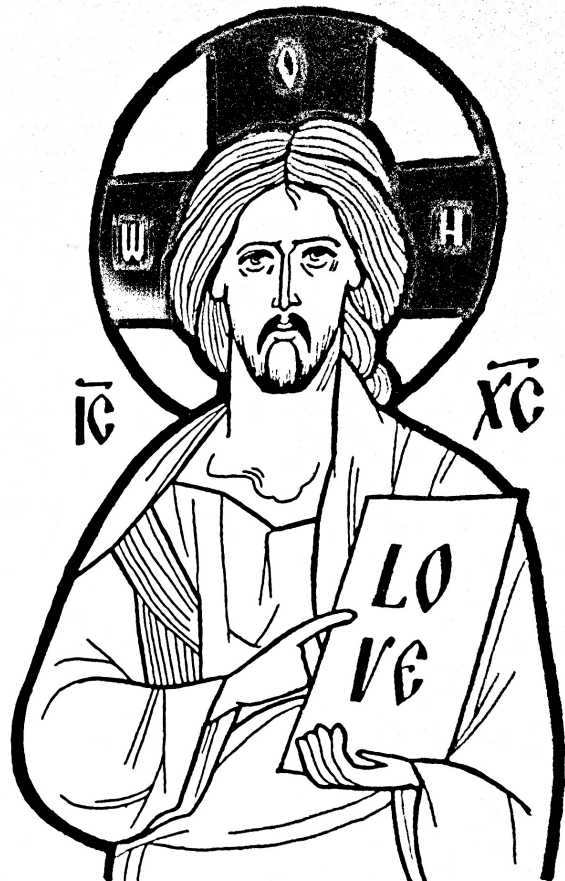
Am I often angry? Do I often want everything for myself? Am I jealous of other people? Am I lazy or stubborn?

Finally...

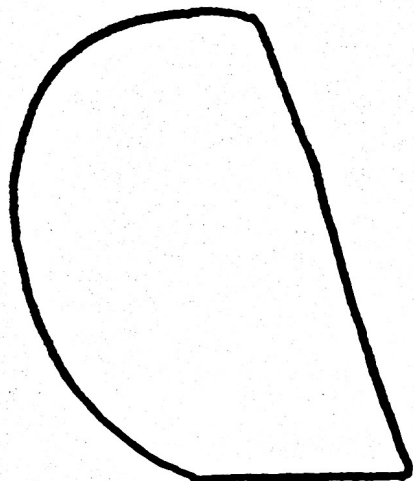
Am I truly sorry for my sins? Am I truly sorry for hurting others? Do I forgive others for hurting me?

Do I really *want to change* my habits and behave as God wants me to behave?

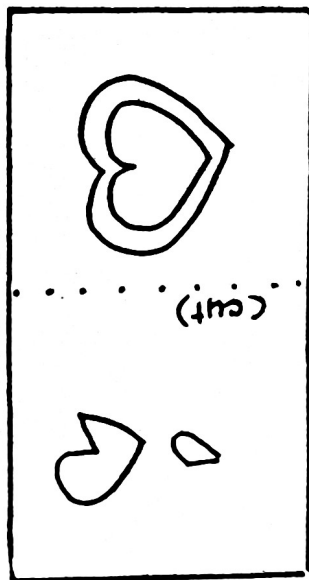
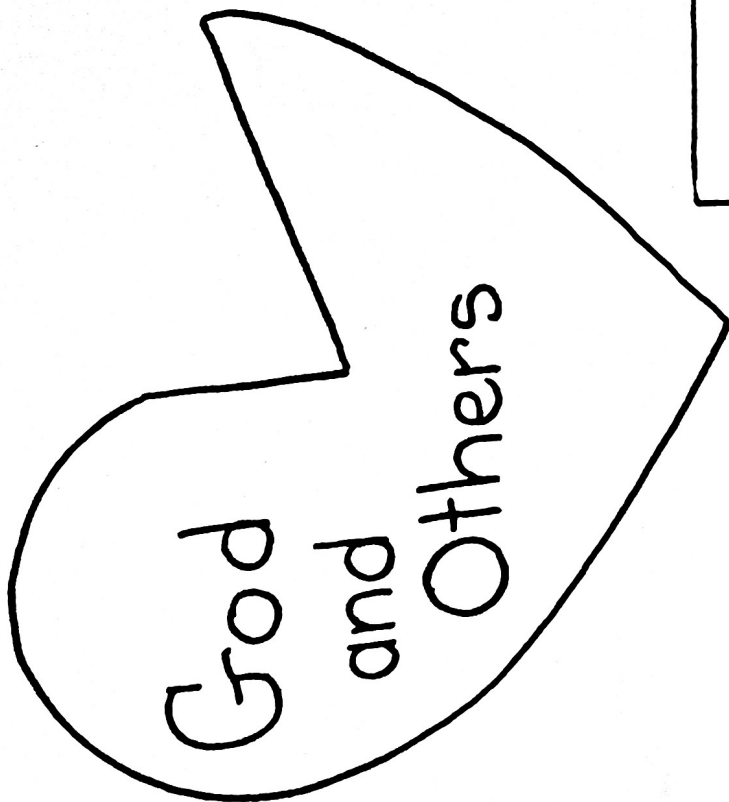
Do I know what I must do to live in a better way as a good child of God?



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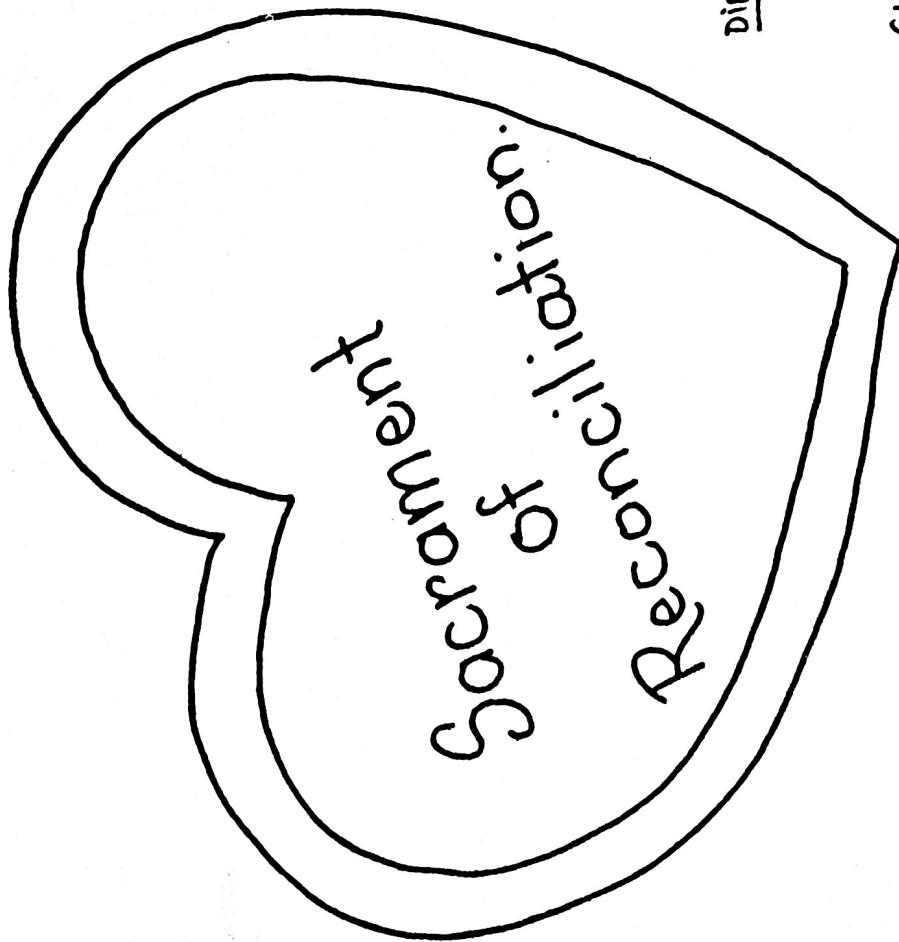
Write your name on this piece.



Glue these pieces to tagboard. Cut out carefully.


When I go to _____, I
tell God I am _____
for choosing _____ way
instead of _____ way.

In the Sacrament of _____ I ask God
to _____ me. I want
to make things _____
again between God, me, and
my _____ and
_____ in Christ.



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Directions: Cut out the heart. Glue on one side of a file folder. Color if you wish.



Cut out the box. Glue to the other side of the folder. Complete the blanks.