



TO COMMUNITY

Session: Reconciliation

Session Aim: To offer the young people the sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation

Time	Activity
	<p>The easiest way is to simply invite the young people to the parish time of reconciliation.</p> <p>However, this is also an opportunity to try a service of reconciliation designed specifically for young people in the Confirmation cohort.</p> <p>It is difficult to offer all the possible ways of doing this here.</p> <p>But the PA co-ordinator will have the chance to ask what other PA's are doing and good practice can be shared amongst the Diocese.</p> <p>You might try to use the Reconciliation resource that was produced a few years ago when we started Family Catechesis? That has some templates that can be followed.</p> <p>Certain things, though, are always worth considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the start of the service offer an accessible introduction to the sacrament and what will happen. Many young people in the church/room will not be too familiar with the sacrament. Remind them of the seal of confession and the sacrament is not something to be afraid of. A handy 'crib sheet' with the words and prayers they will need might also be useful.• During the service itself have some prayer stations or other suitable form of prayer ongoing. If there are dozens of young people making their confession it might be too much at this stage in their faith journey to simply ask them to sit in silence and wait. There are lots of prayer station ideas on the internet that are easy to create and work very well for situations such as this.