

First Reconciliation Resources Approved/Recommended for use by Parishes/Schools of the Archdiocese of Seattle

*The following textbooks and programs have been reviewed and recommended by the
Department of Faith Formation*

Blessed	Dynamic Catholic © 2017
Believe. Celebrate. Live: Reconciliation	Sadlier © 2017
Believe. Celebrate. Live: Reconciliation & Eucharist	Sadlier © 2017
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation	OSV/Harcourt © 2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation & Eucharist (Intermediate)	OSV/Harcourt © 2007
Celebrate and Remember: Reconciliation	Saint Mary's Press © 2011
Invited by Christ: Reconciliation & Eucharist (Intermediate)	Pflaum © 2024
Encounter with Christ, Eucharist and Reconciliation	Our Sunday Visitor © 2016
God's Gift: Reconciliation	Loyola Press ©2009, 2016
Go. Seek. Find: Reconciliation	Saint Mary's Press © 2017
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (Primary)	RCL Benziger © 2006, 2015
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (Intermediate)	RCL Benziger © 2006, 2015
Rejoice: Preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist and Reconciliation	Loyola Press © 2026
Renewed: Your Journey into First Reconciliation	Ascension Press © 2023
Signs of Grace: You are Forgiven	Augustine Institute © 2018
Together In Jesus-First Reconciliation	Pflaum © 2004, 2011, 2018
We Believe and Celebrate: First Penance	Sadlier © 2006

First Reconciliation Supplemental Materials

Your Child's First Reconciliation and First Communion *Liturgy Training Publication, 2024.* This booklet provides thoughtful, clear answers to the questions parents have about preparing their children to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and Communion for the first time. It includes recommendations for the involvement of godparents, reflections on the meaning of the sacraments, an overview of the rites, and guidance for how and when to receive the sacraments. It also stresses the importance of regularly confessing sins and going to Mass as a family. With questions for reflection, parents will be able to engage with their children about their developing faith and help them participate regularly in the sacramental life of the Church as they mature.

Child's Guide to Reconciliation *Paulist Press, 2004.* A colorful guide for children on receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Describes the purpose and procedure of the rite and helps children approach the sacrament with true comfort and a sense of joy. Ages 5-9

Planning for First Reconciliation: Tips and Advice for a Successful Program *Twenty-Third Publications, 2020*. Preparing children and youth for the sacraments is rewarding, but there is so much to do! These booklets can help coordinators, DREs, and parish staff stay organized and on top of their many responsibilities, from communicating with parents and team members to managing catechetical sessions, to planning the big day—the liturgical celebration itself. Whether you are new to sacramental preparation or you are a seasoned pro, you will find helpful advice, key event checklists, smart organizational tips, planning ideas, and much more—all to help you plan and build an engaging and meaningful program.

First Reconciliation and Beyond *Ave Maria Press, 2025*. Preparing children and youth for the sacraments is rewarding, but there is so much to do! These booklets can help coordinators, DREs, and parish staff stay organized and on top of their many responsibilities, from communicating with parents and team members to managing catechetical sessions, to planning the big day—the liturgical celebration itself. Whether you are new to sacramental preparation or you are a seasoned pro, you will find helpful advice, key event checklists, smart organizational tips, planning ideas, and much more—all to help you plan and build an engaging and meaningful program.

We Prepare for Reconciliation: Child's Book & Leader's Guide *Twenty Third Publications, 2019*. This appealing sacramental preparation program invites children, their families, and the parish community to enter into the mysteries of the faith more deeply and to pray more often, and to experience the sacraments of Reconciliation as an encounter with Jesus Christ. Also includes a Family Guide to help families play an active role in preparing for these beautiful events in their child's life.

Adaptive First Reconciliation Preparation Kit: For Children with Autism and Other Special Needs *Loyola Press, 2012*. The Adaptive First Reconciliation Kit will enable many children with autism and other special needs to participate fully in their faith, children who might not be able to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Kit Includes: The Reconciliation Flip Book; I'm Sorry Cards; The I Am Forgiven Sequence Puzzle; Jesus Forgives Instructional Story Card; Jesus Wants Us to Make Good Choices Matching Puzzle; The Good Choice/Bad Choice Cards; Examination of Conscience Instructional Card; I Celebrate Reconciliation Picture Book; Act of Contrition Instructional Card; The Helper Guide; Backpack.

Growing Up Catholic First Reconciliation-Whole Family Sessions The Pastoral Center, 2024 is a dynamic, whole family curriculum that coaches parents to prepare their children to receive the sacrament for the first time (First Reconciliation) or renew their appreciation for the sacrament (Reconciliation Revival Project).

Mend (Pathways) *Faith and Family Life Ministries*. A first Reconciliation family experience designed for middle childhood (6-10) aged children. Invite parents to reflect on their experience of Reconciliation and equip them to teach, share faith, and pray with their children. Families will encounter Jesus and experience the beauty of Reconciliation through hands-on activities and meaningful conversations.