

Readiness for Reconciliation

Your child will be ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation when you notice:

- they recognise when they have done something wrong;
- they show sorrow for doing wrong and seek forgiveness;
- they begin to recognise the consequences of their actions;
- they know that God loves each of us and forgives us when we sin.

As parents you have an important role in helping your child to be 'ready':

- Every time you accept your own wrongdoing and seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation you will be giving a good example to your child.
- Every time you teach your child to understand the difference between right and wrong, you are helping form his or her moral conscience.
- Every time you explain the difference between loving and unloving actions, you are preparing your child to choose that which is good.
- Every time you forgive or ask forgiveness of others, you help your child to trust God's mercy and forgiveness. In ordinary family life, such opportunities occur almost every day.

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