

Celebrant's Guides: Individual Reconciliation



Minimal Rite for Celebrant

Greeting

A warm and kindly reception. If the penitent is lost, lead the sign of the Cross:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitation to trust – this may be *ad libbed*

May the Lord be in your heart and help you to confess your sins with true sorrow.
[*Amen.*]

You may need to prompt the penitent to disclose their state of life.

Call to conversion – Scripture

Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always.

The Confession

Penitent may begin with “I confess”.
Give suitable counsel – urge sorrow – bring out the paschal dimension.

Proposal of Penance

Ensure penitent is willing and able – ask “Is that OK?”

Act of contrition

Offer, if needed: Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Absolution

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to Himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, †
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dismissal

The Lord has freed you from sin.
May he bring you safely to his kingdom in heaven.
Glory be to him for ever.
[*Amen.*]