

# We Meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Chapter 12.

❖ Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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❖ We meet Jesus through the priest. The priest acts in Jesus' place in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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❖ The first step of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to confess. We tell our sins to the priest. He keeps them secret. No matter what we tell the priest, he keeps it a secret.

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❖ The second step of the sacrament is penance. The priest gives us a penance to make up for our sins. Sometimes we do a good deed. Sometimes we say a prayer. Penance helps us stay away from sin.

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❖ Before we confess, we pray to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us make a good confession and live holy lives.

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❖ When we ask forgiveness, we ask for pardon. Jesus forgives us our sins through the priest.

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