



## THE SACRAMENTS

# Reconciliation

*“The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.”*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1131*

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- Children’s materials – [www.thesignsofgrace.org](http://www.thesignsofgrace.org)
- One Session Parent Meeting: All three sessions of *FORGIVEN* can be used in a two-hour First Confession Parent meeting that includes group discussion between sessions.
- Two Session Parent Meeting: Session 1 and Session 2 can be studied in the first 90-minute parent meeting and then Session 3 and the Bonus Session for Parents can be studied in the second 90-minute parent meeting

### LARGE GROUP PRESENTATION

- Pick the time and location for a 5-week study
- Use the promotional materials for *FORGIVEN* found at [www.leaders.formed.org](http://www.leaders.formed.org) under Resources
- Provide drinks and a light snack (for men’s morning program provide coffee and a continental breakfast)
- Break into small group discussions after the video
- Order full color guides for each participant here: <https://bit.ly/2qBVpLt>

## DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- Take a group of 5-8 leaders through a *FORGIVEN* 5-week small group study using the Leader's Guide
- Order full color guides for each participant here: <https://bit.ly/2qBVpLt>
- Invite the 5-8 leaders to lead another 5-8 participants through a study of *FORGIVEN*

## PARISH WIDE STUDY

- Pick 5 weeks in the calendar for your Parish Wide Study (preferably Advent or Lent)
- Use the promotional materials for Parish Wide Studies - *FORGIVEN* found at [www.leaders.formed.org](http://www.leaders.formed.org) under Resources
- Use the pulpit pitch at the end of the Masses one weekend to invite participation from all parishioners and encourage them to watch and discuss in their families and with friends
- Print business cards and do a reverse collection at the end of all the masses
- Use the bulletin blurbs for each of the 5 weeks to encourage continued participation

## PARISH MISSION

- Pick 3 consecutive nights in the calendar for your Parish Mission with *FORGIVEN*
- Use the promotional materials for *FORGIVEN* found at [www.leaders.formed.org](http://www.leaders.formed.org) under Resources
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*“The fruit of sacramental life is both personal and ecclesial. For every one of the faithful on the one hand, this fruit is life for God in Christ Jesus; for the Church, on the other, it is an increase in charity and in her mission of witness.”*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1134*

*“... the sacraments push us to be missionaries and the apostolic commitment to bring the Gospel into every environment, even the most hostile, is the most genuine fruit of a regular sacramental life, because it is a participation in the saving work of God, who wants to give salvation to all.”*

*Pope Francis, General Audience, November 6, 2013*