

The Sacrament of Pardon and Peace

These questions accompany the PowerPoint “The Sacrament of Pardon and Peace” (Document #: TX002171). Note here your teacher’s remarks, your own response, and points from the class discussion.

How does the presence of sin in our lives affect us? Isn’t Baptism enough to overcome sin?

Why is it important to respond to the subtle or sometimes not so subtle “invitations” to do things that you know are wrong but that “everybody” does anyway?

Why do actions taken by a group often *seem* less sinful than choices you would make on your own?

Can you name some of the things that “everybody” supposedly does?

Does a group have a conscience?

Is there such a thing as “social sin”?

What is the theological name and definition of the sins we commit practically every day that are harmful and that weaken, but do not rupture, our relationship with God and one another?



What might the result be if you commit the venial sin of gossiping a bit day after day about one of your friends?

What is the theological name and definition for a sin that is so contrary to God's law that it actually separates us from God?

Besides the Sacraments of Baptism and Penance and Reconciliation, are there any other forms of forgiveness that come through the Church?

Why is the Church's teaching on mortal sin important?

What is the ultimate purpose of doing good and avoiding evil? Is it to avoid Hell, or is it to grow in union with God and our fellow human beings?

This brings us full circle to where we began: Do we need the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation? Isn't our Baptism enough?

