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## P4 Sacrament of Penance – First Confession

Dear Parents and Carers,

Father Andrew has expressed his wish to mark the Holy Season of Advent by prioritising the Sacramental journey of our current Primary 4 cohort. As you well know the children were unable to make their First Confession in March 2020 due to the first period of lockdown and the closures of all schools and churches.

Subject to the churches being reopened again after December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, Andrew has proposed that the children receive the Sacrament across two days (unfortunately due to current circumstances with Covid he expressed his regret that parents are unable to attend) on the **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of December in Annaclone, Chapel at 1pm.**

### **Celebrating and Helping to Prepare for Your Child's First Confession**

**What should your child learn about the Sacrament of Confession or Sacrament of Reconciliation?**

During this time ask your child to identify and discuss times when they did not live as Jesus asked them or when they have not shown God's love.

Suggestions for ways of considering how we have not shown God's love:

*I didn't show love when:*

- I didn't do what I was told,
- I took something that didn't belong to me,
- I used bad language,
- I didn't tell the truth to my parents,
- I fought with my brother/sister,



- I didn't listen very well,
- I didn't play fairly,
- I had an argument with my friend,
- I didn't say my prayers,
- I was mean,
- I didn't share,
- I hit someone,
- I called someone names,
- I could have been better doing this or that....

Children truly understand that they are forgiven when they say sorry. They have no problem accepting the unconditional love of God.

Please also go over the *Act of Sorrow* with them that they are learning with Mr Rooney in school.

### **Act of Sorrow**

O my God, I thank you for loving me.  
 I am sorry for all my sins,  
 for not loving others and not loving you.  
 Help me to live like Jesus  
 and not sin again.  
 Amen.

We appreciate your support and guidance as we work together towards your child's Holy Communion later this academic year.

Best wishes,

Mr K O'Neill