

YOUTH ALIVE - RECONCILIATION SERVICE
APRIL 2, 2000

Light small
votive candles
at each station

Opening Song: Save Your People #135 Verses 1 + 3

Opening Prayer: Lord of Light,
Fr. Bill You show us the way toward light, away from the darkness
that both binds and blinds us.
We ask for your presence with us as we enter this sacrament
of forgiveness.
Allow your promise of grace and love to help us see the darkness
in our lives
And to turn toward the light which you came to offer each one
of us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord and our light.

All: Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 9: 1-41 (*The Man Born Blind*)
To be read by the Youth Facilitators
(A copy is attached for reference)

Reflection on the
gospel reading:
Fr. Bill

Suggested items to include in reflection:

"The reflection should focus on how the story of the Man Born Blind is used by the church during Lent as one of the scrutinies which help prepare the catechumens for entrance into the Catholic faith. Just as the catechumens are using this season of Lent to prepare for entering the Church at Easter, so too are the young people being called to prepare themselves as disciples of Jesus. This reading from John helps them to look at the blindness in their lives, the areas of darkness that are keeping them from the true light of God."

This reflection should last about 10 minutes. It should not be done from the ambo but close to the youth attending the service.
Slight pause after reflection.

Examination of Conscience:
Rose and Youth Facilitators

Rose: During the next few moments, we will ask that you spend some time reflecting on the areas of darkness and blindness in your life. We will be sharing with you a few questions to assist you in your reflection.