Examination of Conscience

about my relationship with God? Do I perform my duties toward God perform my duties toward God continuity or grudgingly? Do I keep God's Commandments (Exod 20:1-17; Deut 5:6-21) and the precepts of the Church? If I am able make time to pray? Do I know that God loves me to the point of death, as we

saw during the Passion Week (Jn 3:16ff)?

All: My Lord and my God have mercy on me

Priest: Just as God has first loved me, Am I loving and respectful toward my parents, my family, my teachers, superiors, and my friends? Have I been disobedient or rude? Am I selfish sometimes (Mk 12:31; Jn 15:15; Phil 2:3 and 1 Jn 4:10-11)?

All: My Lord and my God have mercy on me

Priest: How do I relate with people around me? Have I been mean to people around me? Do I make fun of people I don't like? Am I too quick to get into fights, or to become angry? Do I use vulgar or bad language? Do I lie or cheat? Do I spread gossip, backbiting or tale telling? Am I forgiving (CoI 3:13 and Eph 4:32)?

All: My Lord and my God have mercy on me

Priest: Have I stolen anything? Have I harmed anyone by deception, or fraud? Am I greedy or have inordinate desire for material things beyond my means? Am I attracted to bad movies and literatures that endanger my faith?

All: My Lord and my God have mercy on me

Priest: Have I mutilated myself or another? Have I got drunk or use prohibited drugs? Do I respect myself and the gift of my sexuality?

All: My Lord and my God have mercy on me

Priest: Have I been lazy when it comes to helping and loving other people? Am I generous, patient, kind, thoughtful and charitable? Or I am just proud, ill mannered, selfish and irritable (Read I Cor 13)? Do I give to the poor? Do I apologize or at least say "I am sorry" when I know I am wrong (of the Beatitude Matt 5:1-12)?

All: My Lord and my God have mercy on me

Let us now take a quiet moment to recognize how we have failed in our relationship with God and with our parents, teachers, friends and neighbors pray Jesus to help us change and renew our relationship.





Act of Contrition

All: Oh my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended you.
I detest all my sins because of your just
punishment, But most of all because they
offend you, my God,

Who are all good and deserving of all my love
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
To sin no more and to avoid the nearer occasions of sin
Amen.

Closing Prayer: God of gentleness and compassion, your Son Jesus, told his disciples to put all fear aside, and trust in your loving care. Give us courage, the Youth of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in confessing the wrong we have done, and show us how to make fresh start. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

All are now invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually

Part II: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Readings of the Sixth Sunday of Easter- Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5,6-7,16,20; | Pet 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

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Initial Remarks of greeting!

Opening Prayer: Father of mercies, we the youth of the Church of the Good Shepherd believes that nothing can separate us from your love. We gather here today to remember that we are your children- far from perfect, but treasured just the same. Our sins pull us away from your relationship, but you never stop loving us. Help us to leave the past behind and return to you without embarrassment or fear. Wash us clean, O Lord, and make us new again. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading the Word of God: Luke 15:11-32/ Reflection