



REVISED ORDER OF PENANCE

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The *Order of Penance* (formerly the *Rite of Penance*) is a revision of the first English translation of the 1973 Latin edition. The revision only affects the translation and not the structure of the rites. Its first use date is Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Its mandatory use date is the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023, after this date no other English translation may be used.

Save the Date! A webinar is planned for Tuesday, January 31, 2023 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, to explain the adjustments to the current ritual book and propose a plan for local implementation. More details on the webinar will follow. The revised *Order of Penance* provides a new opportunity to study the various parts of the ritual book and to instruct about the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions has provided a link to the recording of an October 25, 2022 webinar on the topic, featuring Father Andrew Menke (of the Secretariat for Divine Worship) and Father Rob Spaulding (of the FDLC). See, <https://fdlc.org/2022/07/may-god-grant-you-pardon-and-peace-webinar-on-the-revised-order-of-penance/>.

Publishers are advertising the new ritual edition of the *Order of Penance* and taking pre-orders now. Books will be mailed after January 25, 2023.

- Catholic Book Publishing <https://catholicbookpublishing.com/product/1638>
- Liturgy Training Publications <https://ltp.org/products/details/OPRE/order-of-penance>
- Magnificat <https://bookstore.magnificat.net/the-order-of-penance.html>
- Midwest Theological Forum
https://www.theologicalforum.org/Category/118/Product/636/The_Order_of_Penance

Thank you so very much for pastoral attention to the use of this revised ritual book. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

In Christ,
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