

| III. The Plan | | |
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| Time | Parts | The description of (script for) the lesson, wherein you describe teacher activities and student activities |
| | Motivation (Opening/ Introduction/ Engagement) | |

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.
4. The penalty of sin remains as long as the hatred of self (that is, true inner repentance), namely till our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

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Going to Confession in the Middle Ages by Susan Carroll-Clark

Most people, even non-Catholics, know what going to confession involves. One travels to a church, in a corner of which is situated a confessional booth. In the booth sits a priest. The penitent enters the other side

Grosseteste, Robert. *Templum Dei*. J. Goering and F.A.C. Mantello, eds. Toronto Medieval Latin Texts 14. Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 1984

McNeill, J.T. and Gamer, H.M., eds. *Medieval Handbooks of Penance* (New York 1990).

Walz, P. A. "The 'Exceptiones' from the 'Summa' of Simon of Hinton. *Angelicum* 13 (1936) 283-368.

Endnotes

(1)McNeill and Gamer, 4-22.

(2) A number of these are excerpted in McNeill and Gamer.

(3)Brett, 24 ff.

(4) Grosseteste, 12.

(5) Grosseteste, 46 (Ch. IX.1)

(6) Walz, 358.

(7) Walz, 381.

(from nicolaa5.tripod.com/articles/confess.html)

To give some [idea](#) of the ancient [discipline](#), the penalties attached to graver crimes are cited here from the English and [Irish Penitentials](#). For [stealing](#), Cummián prescribes that a [layman](#) shall do one year of penance; a [cleric](#), two; a [subdeacon](#) three; a [deacon](#), four; a [priest](#), five; a [bishop](#), six. For [murder](#) or [perjury](#), the penance lasted three, five, six, seven, ten or twelve years according to the criminal's rank. [Theodore](#) commands that if any one [leave the Catholic Church](#), join the [heretics](#), and induce others to do the same, he shall, in case he repent, do penance for twelve years. For the [perjurer](#) who swears by the [Church](#), the Gospel, or the [relics](#) of the [saints](#), Egbert prescribes seven or eleven years of penance. [Usury](#) entailed three years; [infanticide](#), fifteen; [idolatry](#) or [demon-worship](#), ten. Violations of the [sixth commandment](#) were punished with great severity; the penance varied, according to the nature of the [sin](#), from three to fifteen years, the extreme penalty being prescribed for [incest](#), i.e., fifteen to twenty-five years. **Whatever its.f MC ~~MC~~EMCnan38h B B Ø2ICnanude en toe., fift**

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His Name.

My God have mercy.

OR

I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.

And I ask Blessed Mary and all the saints

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

Matthew 18: 15 - 18

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.