

HARDIN COUNTY CLUSTER OF CATHOLIC PARISHES
SOCIAL-DISTANCED CONFESSIONS
APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE & LOGISTICS

TO MAKE YOUR CONFESSION A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE, PLEASE NOTE:

- PER BISHOP BRENNAN'S DIRECTIVES, CONFESSIONS ARE **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**; DUE TO THE NEED FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING, DO NOT SIMPLY SHOW UP WITHOUT AN APPT.
- MAKE AN APPOINTMENT DIRECTLY WITH FR. FERGUSON **BY CALLING 419-634-2626**; LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NEEDED, WITH A NUMBER TO CALL BACK
- FATHER WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR DESIRED TIME BASED ON AVAILABILITY; **SCHEDULING IS "FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED"**
- THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OVERALL **BLOCKS OF TIME** AVAILABLE ON CERTAIN DATES AND LOCATIONS; CONFESSION "SLOTS" WILL BE SCHEDULED **EVERY 10 MINUTES** WITHIN THESE TIME BLOCKS
- **LOCATIONS OF ACTUAL CONFESSIONS:**
 - o **KENTON: ST. ANTHONY CENTER: ENTER VIA THE BACK "RAMP"**
 - o **ADA: SOCIAL HALL: ENTER VIA THE "FRONT" OUTSIDE DOUBLE DOORS**

SUN 3 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ KENTON
WED 6 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ ADA

SUN 10 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ ADA
WED 13 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ KENTON

SUN 17 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ KENTON
WED 20 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ ADA

SUN 24 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ ADA
WED 27 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ KENTON

SUN 31 MAY 4:00-6:00 @ KENTON
WED 3 JUNE 4:00-6:00 @ ADA

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIFIC PRECAUTIONS AND LOGISTICS
OUTLINED BY BISHOP BRENNAN ON THE NEXT PAGE.

ON THE FINAL PAGE IS AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
AND ACT OF CONTRITION FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

**AS ALWAYS, THE PRIEST IS HAPPY TO HELP GUIDE YOU THROUGH IF IT HAS
BEEN SOME TIME SINCE YOUR LAST CONFESSION.
JESUS IS HERE TO HELP YOU GO DEEPER IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!**

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Logistical Guide by Bishop Brennan for Making Your Confession

PRECAUTIONS:

- **DO stay at home** if you are ill with anything contagious, especially if you are showing symptoms of the COVID-19 coronavirus. There will be other opportunities to have your confession heard when you are well.
- **DO stay at home** if you are of an age or have other factors that put you in the “high risk” category for getting the COVID-19 coronavirus. There will be opportunities to have your confession heard in the future.

PREPARATIONS YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE AS YOU PREPARE FOR CONFESSION:

- **DO make an appointment to have your confession heard** as confessions are scheduled in advance.
- **DO NOT “show up” without an appointment** in fairness to everyone who schedule their confession appointment in advance.
- **DO take your temperature** before leaving home for confessions; if you have a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (the threshold “symptomatic” temperature for potential coronavirus) please do not come to confessions; wait until you are healthy.
- **DO use your own hand sanitizer and wear a mask** when you arrive for confession.
- **DO arrive no more than 5 MINUTES before your confession appointment** in order to avoid starting a line.
- **DO prepare for your confession at home** – you will have only **5-7 MINUTES** to have your confession heard given these extraordinary times.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON SITE:

- **DO go directly to the correct entrance of the social hall.** At Kenton, this will be the “back” entrance (down the ramp) of the St. Anthony Center. At Ada, this will be the “front” outside double doors of the Hall wing (NOT through the church proper).
- **DO follow the guidance of the volunteer** who will be staffing the outside of the entrance. When you enter, the priest will be facing away from the doors so that you will have anonymity.
- **DO NOT touch surfaces while in the social hall**; if at all possible, you will be asked to remain standing during your confession. You will be at a clearly marked spot at least 6 feet away from where the priest will be located. You will need to speak to the priest in a normal level of voice. The volunteer outside the entrance will ensure that no one enters during your confession.
- **DO keep your confession brief** – succinctly confess your sins.
- **DO NOT use this opportunity for confession to seek counseling.** If you need to speak with a priest about counseling on a particular issue in your life please make an appointment to discuss this with him outside of the confession setting.
- **DO leave the social hall immediately** after your absolution. You will be asked to leave by a different door. Please do your Penance at home; because of sanitary concerns during this COVID time, do not go into the church to do your penance.

An Examination of Conscience Based on the Seven Deadly Sins offered by Bishop Brennan

(based on an examination from My Catholic Life!)

Pride: “Pride is an untrue opinion of ourselves, an untrue idea of what we are not.”

Have I a superior attitude in thinking, or speaking or acting? Am I snobbish?

Have I offensive, haughty ways of acting or carrying myself? Do I hold myself above others?

Do I demand recognition? Do I desire to be always first? Do I seek advice?

Am I ready to accept advice? Am I in any sense a “bully”? Am I inclined to be “bossy”?

Do I speak ill of others? Have I lied about others? Do I make known the faults of others?

Do I seek to place the blame on others, excusing myself?

Is there anyone to whom I refuse to speak?

Is there anyone to whom I have not spoken for a long time?

Am I prone to argue? Am I offensive in my arguments?

Have I a superior “know-it-all attitude” in arguments?

Am I self-conscious? Am I sensitive? Am I easily wounded?

Envy:

“Envy is a sadness which we feel, on account of the good that happens to our neighbor.”

Do I feel sad at the prosperity of others? At their success in games? In athletics?

Do I rejoice at their failures? Do I envy the riches of others?

Sloth:

“Sloth is a kind of cowardice and disgust, which makes us neglect and omit our duties, rather than to discipline ourselves.”

Have I an inordinate love of rest, neglecting my duties? Do I act lazily?

Am I too fond of rest? Do I take lazy positions in answering prayers?

Do I kneel in a lounging way? Do I delight in idle conversation?

Do I fail to be fervent in the service of God?

Lust: “Lust is the love of the pleasures that are contrary to purity.”

Have I desired or done impure things?

Have I taken pleasure in entertaining impure thoughts or desires?

Have I read impure material, listened to music with impure lyrics, or looked at impure images, whether in photos or on television or in movies/videos or on the internet?

Have I aroused sexual desire in myself or another by impure kissing, embracing, or touching? Have I committed impure actions alone?

Do I dress immodestly or am I too concerned with the way I look?

Do I use vulgar language or tell or listen to impure jokes or stories?

Have I given into sexual desires (e.g. fornication, adultery) even in my imagination?

Have I had sexual relations with a person outside of marriage?

Have I participated in sexual activity with persons of the same-sex?

Covetousness: “Covetousness is a disordered love of the goods of this world.”

Do I dispose of my money properly or selfishly?

Do I discharge my duties in justice to my fellow man?

Do I discharge my duties in justice to the Church?

Gluttony: “Gluttony is a disordered love of eating and drinking.”

Do I eat to live or live to eat? Do I drink to excess? Do I get drunk?

Do I misuse prescription drugs? Do I use illegal drugs?

Have I allowed myself to become addicted to alcohol and/or drugs?

Anger:

“An emotion of the soul, which leads us violently to repel whatever hurts or displeases us.”

Am I prone to anger? Does practically any little thing arouse my temper?

Am I what is generally termed “a sore-head”? Do I fail to repress the first signs of anger?

Do I fail to get along well with everybody?

Do I ponder over slights or injuries and even presume them?

Do I rejoice at the misfortunes of others?

Do I think of means of revenge? Of “getting even”?

Am I of an argumentative disposition? Have I a spirit of contradiction?

Am I given to ridicule of persons, places, or things? Am I hard to get along with?

Do I carry grudges, remain “on the outs” with anyone?

Do I talk about the faults of others? Do I reveal the faults or defects of others?

Do I reveal the faults of others from the wrong motive?

“For these and all the sins that I have committed during my life, I am truly sorry.”

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, 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 near occasion of sin. Amen.

***Please depart quietly, remove your mask only when you are in your car,
do your penance at home. Thank you for your cooperation!***

