



## Committee on Divine Worship

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### MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops  
From: Most Reverend Steven J. Lopes,  
Bishop of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter  
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Divine Worship  
Date: January 18, 2023  
Re: Two notes on the revised *Order of Penance*

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Your Eminence / Your Excellency:

I have two brief notes on the coming implementation of the revised *Order of Penance* that you might wish to share with your priests.

First, remember that the new rite may be used beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and that it will be required beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16). There will be four editions available for purchase:

**Catholic Book Publishing Corp.** ([CatholicBookPublishing.com](http://CatholicBookPublishing.com), 877-228-2665)

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**Liturgy Training Publications** ([LTP.org](http://LTP.org), 800-933-1800)

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**Magnificat** ([bookstore.Magnificat.net](http://bookstore.Magnificat.net), 970-416-6670)

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**Midwest Theological Forum** ([TheologicalForum.org](http://TheologicalForum.org), 630-541-8519)

- 7.18" × 10¼", 248 pgs., synthetic leather hardcover, \$49.95

Second, numerous media reports have carried an incorrect version of the revised prayer of absolution. The approved version does not include the words "among us". The new text reads:

God, the Father of mercies,  
through the Death and Resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church  
may God grant you pardon and peace.  
AND I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS,  
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, ✠  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Thank you for your attention and for your service in the sacred ministry of reconciliation.