

A Whole New Start

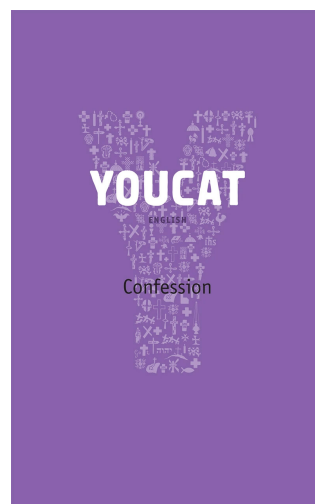
If you want your wedding to be like a glorious summer morning, a day when the sun comes up and everything is possible, a day unburdened by the shadows of yesterday, then we recommend receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before your wedding.

Maybe you haven't been to Confession in years. Maybe you've never been at all. If so, you're in for a special experience and a wonderful gift. You'll get to know a side of God you may not have expected. God isn't a heavenly bean-counter tallying up all your failures, misfortunes, and mistakes. He knows everything, and it all vanishes before his eyes because there is so much light in Him. He loves you beyond measure—even beyond any harm you may have caused in your life. God is a God who accepts you in love and without any preconditions—exactly as you are. Through the ministry of the priest, God gives you an “update” in Confession so that you can get a fresh start on your new life with the one you love.

You may be wondering how you're supposed to tell your sins to a priest. He's only human, after all. You're right: He's a human being, and he himself needs to go to Confession. Even the pope is a sinner and needs to go to Confession. It was Jesus himself who entrusted the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the Church: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if they retain the sins of any, they are retained” (Jn 20:23).

It's a step that might take a lot of strength, but the reward is genuine forgiveness of sins, right then and there! The priest will pronounce absolution. You can begin the “summer morning” of your marriage completely unburdened, with the blessing of the Church and the blessing of the Lord.

Here's a little book with everything you need to know about the Sacrament of Reconciliation:



You can order it here.

