

A Conversation on Confessions

Do I always need to go to the same priest for Confession?



Parishioner: "Short answer ... No. And sometimes schedules (yours or the priest's) don't allow for you to go to the same Confessor. However, there is value in going to the same priest for confessions. As it was previously described to me by Father Von, think of your Confessor as your spiritual physician. How can they help remedy our spiritual ailments if they don't see and understand our ongoing struggles and battles with the sin on our lives. How would your primary care physician diagnose you if you were switching doctors every few months for your physical exam?"

With that said, I do believe that sometimes God has pointed me to a specific Confessor at specific times in my life so sometimes having a different confessor can be a good thing.

Either way, whether it is the same priest you always go to, a priest you've never met before, a face-to-face confession, or a confession from behind the screen, the key piece is that you went. You met with God (or rather He met us) in our moment(s) of weakness and you offered up to Him the things that ail us.... and He absolves us of those sins.

Does one confession mean we won't be back again? ... No. But through Reconciliation, God is telling us that ... His door is always open."

Have you considered accepting God's invitation for Reconciliation recently?