



WHY IS IT HARD TO GO TO CONFESSION?



#234 WHEN IS A CATHOLIC OBLIGED TO CONFESS HIS SERIOUS SINS?

How often should one go to confession? Upon reaching the age of reason, a Catholic is obliged to confess his serious sins. The Church urgently advises the faithful to do this at least once a year. At any rate one must go to confession before receiving Holy Communion if one has committed a serious sin. By "the age of reason", the Church means the age at which one has arrived at the use of reason and has learned to distinguish between good and bad.

SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

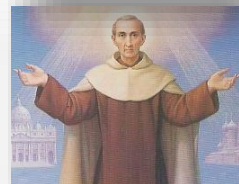
ST PHILIP NERI

St Philip was known as the Apostle of Rome because of his joy and dedication to the poor. He encouraged people to go to the sacraments especially confession and realize that God is merciful and loving. He was known for his sense of humor and joy that would lead people to conversion.



ST RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI

St Raphael was not always close to God. But he was able to recognize his sins and convert and become closer to God. Only then was he able to help others. His conversion led to many other people's conversions.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

SINCE THE PASSOVER OF THE JEWS WAS NEAR, JESUS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM. HE FOUND IN THE TEMPLE AREA THOSE WHO SOLD OXEN, SHEEP, AND DOVES, AS WELL AS THE MONEY CHANGERS SEATED THERE. HE MADE A WHIP OUT OF CORDS AND DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE AREA, WITH THE SHEEP AND OXEN, AND SPILLED THE COINS OF THE MONEY CHANGERS AND OVERTURNED THEIR TABLES, BUT JESUS WOULD NOT TRUST HIMSELF TO THEM BECAUSE HE KNEW THEM ALL, AND DID NOT NEED ANYONE TO TESTIFY ABOUT HUMAN NATURE. HE HIMSELF UNDERSTOOD IT WELL. JOHN 2: 12-25

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:
