

April 2, 2012

**Media Alert**

**Diocese of Orlando Announces “Day of Reconciliation”  
All parishes to offer Confession on April 2**

- WHO:** Bishop Noonan, priests and Catholics throughout the Diocese of Orlando
- WHEN:** April 2, 2012, times vary, check parish for details
- WHAT:** Day of Reconciliation is an opportunity for all Catholics, including those who have been away from the confessional for many years, to experience God’s forgiveness. Catholics are invited to journey back to God by visiting one of 92 parishes and missions in the Diocese of Orlando that will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 2.
- WHY:** Day of Reconciliation is planned in order to provide additional opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

**Other Information:**

The Diocese of Orlando will air TV commercials March 26 – April 1 with Bishop John Noonan inviting Catholics to journey back to God during this Lenten Season and to let Catholics know about the Day of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also known as the Sacrament of Penance and Confession.

“To have an intimate relationship with Christ is to really surrender to Christ totally, and recognize that one of the great surrenders is to let go of our faults and failings, really feel God’s forgiveness in our lives. There is also a whole experience of God’s grace in our lives, and we can trust in God’s grace to give us the strength and courage to live a life that is worthy of being called a Christian,” said Bishop Noonan.