

THE ORDER OF PENANCE A TIMELINE OF EVENTS



Institution	[Jesus said to his disciples:] “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained” (John 20:22-23).
2 nd century	After Baptism, the penitent may be forgiven of the sin of apostasy after the bishop sees evidence of repentance and satisfaction of penance.
4 th century	Confession and public penitential discipline
6 th century	Council decrees that persons in the Order of Penitents have no access to Communion
6 th to 11 th c	Influence of Celtic monasteries – private confession, acceptance of satisfaction by priest, penance, absolution
1614	Roman Ritual after the Council of Trent -- <i>Ordo ministrandi sacramentum poenitentiae</i>
12-4-1963	<i>Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy</i> , Second Vatican Council: “The rite and formularies for the sacrament of penance are to be revised so that they more clearly express the nature and effect of the sacrament” (Paragraph 72).
12-2-1973	Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship on the new <i>Ordo Poenitentiae</i> signed by Archbishop Annibale Bugnini. “Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.” “Latin is in force upon publication...other translations upon approval of the Conference of Bishops and confirmed by the Apostolic See... on dates established by the Conferences of Bishops” <u>New in that universal <i>editio typica</i>:</u> ◆ The Order of Reconciling Several Penitents [within a celebration of the Word of God] ◆ The Order of Reconciling Several Penitents with General Confession and Absolution [to be used “in special cases”] as permitted in the “Pastoral Norms” for the administration of the sacraments as promulgated by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on June 16, 1972.
1975	English translation of the <i>Rite of Penance</i> promulgated for use in the Dioceses of the USA
2010	<i>Rite of Penance</i> published with readings based on the revised <i>Lectionary</i>
2019	International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) provides a new translation of the <i>Order of Penance</i> .
June 17, 2021	USCCB approves the English translation for use in the Dioceses of the United States
Sept. 8, 2021	Archbishop José Gomez sends the approved text to the Apostolic See (CDWDS)
April 25, 2022	CDWDS approves the text; Decree was signed by Archbishop Arthur Roche, Prefect (Prot. n. 460/21)
June 24, 2022	Archbishop José Gomez, President of the USCCB, issues a Decree of Publication on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Feb. 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday – First use of the new translation is permitted
April 16, 2023	Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy – mandatory use date; after that date “no other translation of the rite may be used.”