

Reconciliation

The sacrament of reconciliation, as confession is called today, has changed a great deal over time. More and more Christians - especially young people - are rediscovering this sacrament, which had long been forgotten. For them, it is new. And that's a good thing!

In the past, confession was often a daunting event: you had to make a list of your sins, examine your conscience thoroughly and then finally kneel down in a confessional and confess your faults. And oh woe, if you forgot one!

Today, fortunately, the sacrament of reconciliation is seen primarily as an opportunity to have a conversation with a priest. Not just any conversation, but a trusting conversation borne of prayer. It is almost a personal "profession of faith."

The sacrament of reconciliation is a good way to talk directly and personally with God. 'Confession' means meeting God, with all your strengths and with your faults, as you are. And it means longing for forgiveness, a fresh start. No one needs to be anxious!

The personal conversation with God - in which the priest is the instrument of God's gracious mercy - takes place in the church or in the parsonage consulting room or possibly in the confessional in the Abdijkerk if you wish.

Pastoor Alexander is in the Abbey Church on the last Friday of every month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There are additional organized opportunities following Christmas and Easter. Of course, you can also make an appointment with a priest for the sacrament of reconciliation.