

5. Why should I go to the sinful Priest to confess my sins?

When Jesus became human, He took our humanity into His divinity. When He rose from the dead, Jesus comforted the weak and fearful disciples. He then breathes on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven....”. (*Jn. 20:22-23*)

The Lord Jesus chose to empower fallible human beings to participate in His work of salvation by giving them power to forgive sins through the Holy Spirit. It is God who forgives sin through the agent of the Priest. Priest and penitent are always in need of mercy. All human beings are empowered to love, forgive and heal through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession however, is reserved for the Priests who are successors of the first disciples.