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## **CALL TO CONVERSION AND HOLINESS**

### **The Sacrament of Confession We are all in the same boat**

#### *Long Form*

We can point to many reasons for the equal dignity of human persons before God. One of those reasons does not seem as lofty as some others but it is one we can all easily understand. We are all in need of healing because we all have the wounds of sin. Since Jesus was “bruised for our offenses” and “bore our transgressions,” He has taken those sins upon Himself in the mystery of His Death and Resurrection.

It remains for us to receive that healing which is so readily available and which, according to God’s plan, is given to us in the Sacrament of Confession. In this great sacrament the reality of sin and forgiveness is placed before us, not so that we can lament that “we are all in the same boat,” but so that we might rejoice that, though we have sinned, Jesus, the divine physician, offers us His healing and forgiveness.

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