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RECONCILIATION PROGRAM – September 2017

1. Faithful attendance in the Religious Education Program or St. Gilbert School. Summer students attend class on Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 8:55-10:10 am in the Art Room.
2. Activity Packet – Parents complete the sheets that are given to you at the meeting. Return the completed sheets/packets at the Church when you come for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. Reception of the Sacrament is scheduled on three dates. Choose the one that is most convenient for your family. The dates are as follows:

**Friday, November 10, 7:00 pm in the Church
Saturday, November 11, 10:00 am in the Church
Friday, November 17, 7:00 pm in the Church**

4. In preparation for the reception of the Sacrament, each child is to make a banner using the attached drawing of a sheep. The banner can be any color felt and the sheep can be decorated with cotton balls, sequins, markers, beads, tissue paper, etc. A dowel rod or branch and string can be used at the top of the felt for hanging. The banner is to be brought with you to First Reconciliation.
5. The children need to memorize the Act of Sorrow using the gestures.

**My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.**

6. The form of confession is as follows:

The parents present the child to the priest:

“Good evening/morning, Father. We present our son/daughter
_____ (first name) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

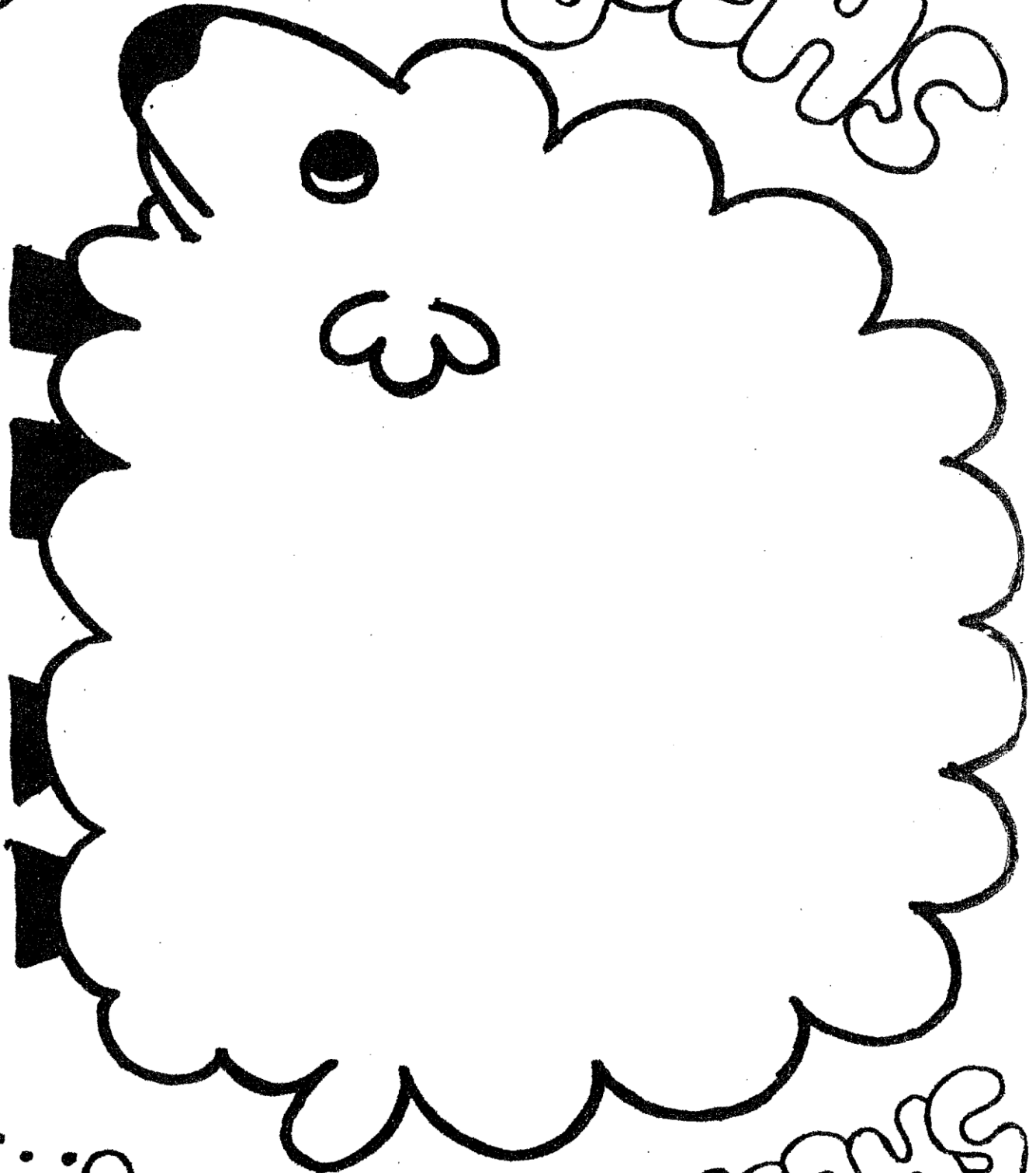
The parents leave and the child continues, “Hi, Father. My sins are
_____ (name one or two). I am sorry for my sins.” The priest
will talk to the child and then give absolution. During absolution the
child should make the sign of the cross. At the end of the absolution
the child says, “Amen.”

Role play with your child going up to the priest saying the words above.

7. Family Forgiveness Service – Sometime before the scheduled First Reconciliation gather the family together and pray the Family Forgiveness Service.

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