

## Unconditional Love

Do you remember the last time your child had a cut or scrape and asked, “Will you kiss it and make it better?” Funny how a kiss and an adhesive bandage would ease the pain of a scraped knee when your child was younger. Your child sensed that these actions are symbolic of your love and care for him or her.

The love of God offers us the same kind of consolation, but this love is poured out to us beyond measure. When we are ashamed, full of regret and sorrow for the poor choices we have made, and truly sorry, God meets us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He forgives us and frees us from our shame and guilt, which can get in the way of our healing and desire for new life. Is it so important and good for your child to learn that God’s unconditional love offers us a real opportunity for change.