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This Pastoral Statement may be used by the Clergy in the Parishes to give to Parishioners to give further understanding to the Regulations of Covid-19

## **THE SACRAMENT of CONFESSION and RECONCILIATION**

We may receive God's forgiveness and be reconciled to God in various ways, one of which is confession to God in the presence of a Priest.

There may be some questions in the minds of our people in the Parishes, how they might appropriate the Sacrament of Confession during Covid-19 Lockdown.

I simply wish to say that the Ministry of Reconciliation is available in our Parishes in conversation with the Clergy.

I encourage Pastoral Confidential Conversations to take place in a Zoom Room, WhatsApp or telephone where Pastoral Counselling can take place, and guidance be given on making a Sacramental Confession.

Yours in Christ,

+Raphael  
The Bishop of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay