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We pray that the attentive use of these authorized liturgies and other rites and ceremonies by the Western rite clergy and laity of our beloved Archdiocese will be the cause of a spiritual and liturgical renewal within our church in North America.

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\*... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch\* ACTS 11:26

# *The Sacrament of Penance*

- *The penitent kneels in the accustomed place and says:*

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

- *The priest responds:*

May the Lord be in thy heart and upon thy lips, that thou mayest worthily confess all thy sins; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

- *The penitent confesses:*

I confess to God Almighty, to all the Saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned very much in thought, word, deed, and omission, by my own great fault. Since my last confession, which was (*here tell the priest when it occurred*), when I received absolution and performed my penance, I have committed these sins: (*here confess specific sins*). For these and all my other sins which I cannot remember, I am very sorry. I will try to do better, and I humbly ask pardon of God; and of you, Father, penance, advice, and absolution.

- *The priest may address a few words to the penitent and enjoin a penance; then he shall say:*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution, and remission of your sins. *Amen.*