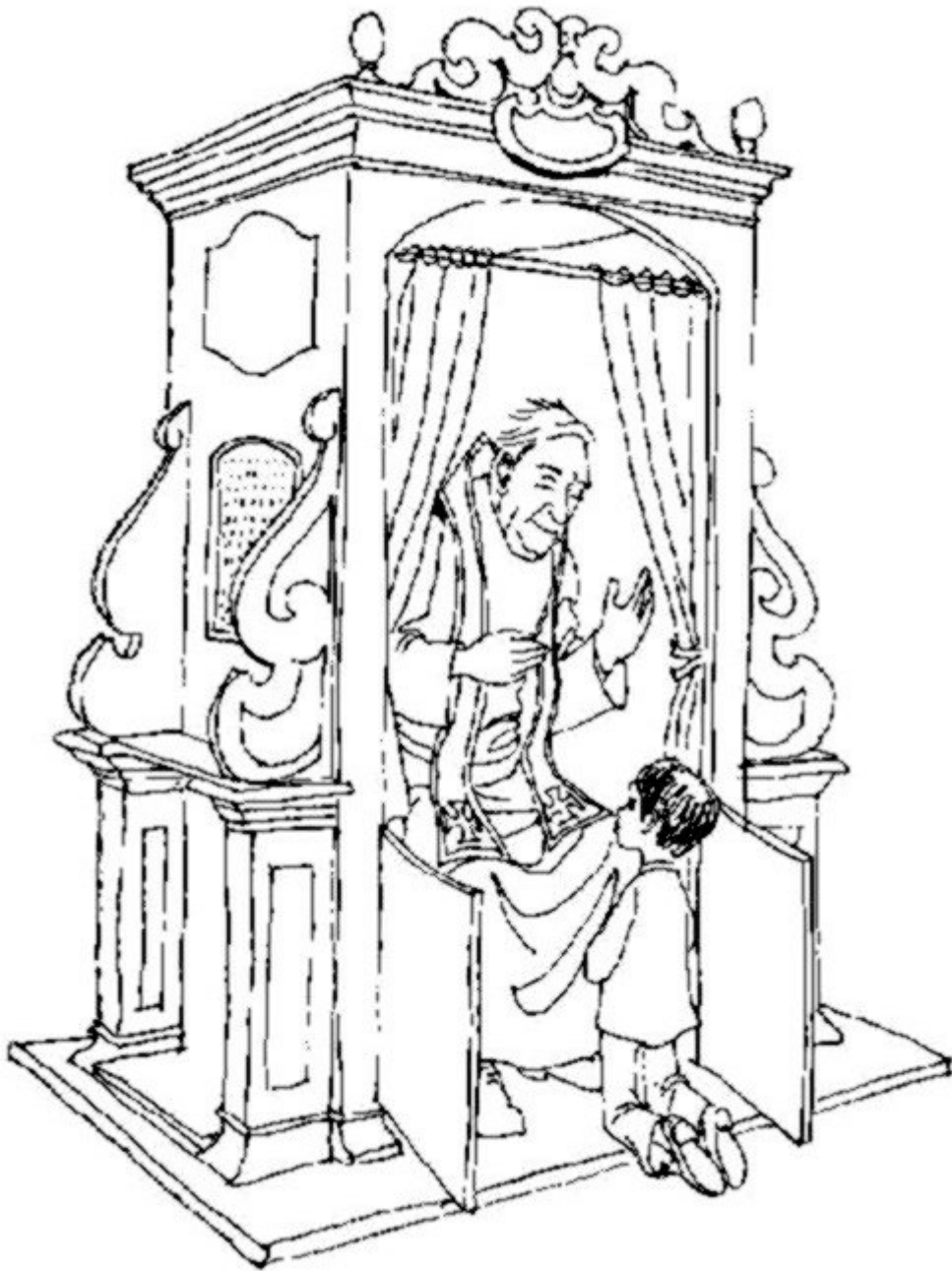


First Confession



One fine day Mrs Escriva told Josemaría about the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation, and how his soul would be washed clean and white and God would forgive his sins.

That afternoon he set off to go to the Church, with his hair well brushed, holding his Mommy's hand. He was so little he hardly reached the top of the kneeler.

When he finished making his confession the priest gave him his penance.

"Ask your Mommy to give you a fried egg."

The little boy's face lit up at the treat. When Don José heard about the priest's kind penance he laughed aloud.