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MRT4040 Reconciliation: Ethical &
Theological Aspects

Tue 30 May 2006

11.45 – 12.45

To answer any ONE question

1. Be reconciled to God, St Paul exhorts the Corinthians, whom he then asks to be ambassadors of reconciliation. How does the Church live this call to be a community of reconciliation while realising that she is herself in need of reconciliation? Show briefly how this reality is symbolised by the sacrament of reconciliation.
2. Perhaps the most striking development in the contemporary theology of sin and conversion is our increased awareness of their social aspect. Discuss how this aspect has been developed by contemporary theology, and show briefly how the new rite of penance seeks to symbolise this new understanding.
3. Write an essay on the meaning of the acts of the penitent and priestly absolution in the sacrament of penance.