

and Nuns.

Confession is no longer required before Communion.

daily life. One out of five Catholics, frequently the one who is least conscious of his faith's impact on his daily life, relies not on the Church, but on his own interpretations and conscience when faced with a question of sin.

Almost all Catholics understand that Confession is no longer required by Church doctrine before Communion. But 50% still feel that it is necessary before Communion under some circumstances, usually if they feel

Traditional Confession, chosen by most Catholics.

But, at the same time many are confused and divided about the decision that now, because of the Church's new emphasis on increasing individual responsibility, they must make personally. Absolute rules were restrictive, but they held a degree of comfort. Few want to return to the old ways, but many need and desire more guidelines from the Church to help them make their moral choices.

Face-to-face Confession, a new option.

Overall, the relaxation of rigid doctrines and rules has been widely accepted among most Catholics, who apparently feel that the rules were observed more in the breaking than in the keeping.

Time of Renewal

"This is the last time, Father," by Rouault.

