

Test Your Catechism Knowledge

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This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review what you know about our Catholic faith. Check your answers against the answer key on page 43.

1 Which book contains an official summary of all Catholic teachings?

- a) the Bible b) the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* c) the Gospel d) the lectionary

2 The Pope wrote the *Catechism*. True | False

3 The word *catechesis*, in Greek, means _____?

- a) Sunday school b) to give tests c) to teach d) to echo

4 The *Catechism* is called "universal" because it was written for _____.

- a) the universal Church b) people who like *Star Wars* c) aliens d) people who study planets

5 The head catechist in a parish is the _____.

- a) high school principal b) 2nd grade math teacher c) pastor d) Pope

6 The current universal catechism is the first catechism ever written.

True | False

7 The _____ is the head catechist in the diocese.

- a) youth minister b) local pastor c) bishop d) Pope

8 The *Catechism* was written primarily for children.

True | False

9 St. _____ was the Pope when the universal catechism was written.

- a) Jesus b) Francis c) John d) John Paul II

10 Before the Bible was written, people were taught about Jesus by his _____.

- a) enemies b) apostles c) angels d) grandparents

11 "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, _____ them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

- a) requiring b) inviting c) forcing d) teaching

12 Christian history experts say the earliest catechism was called _____.

- a) *The Iliad* b) the Jesus story c) the *Didache* d) the Bible

13 Learning about our Catholic faith ends when we _____.

- a) die b) receive Baptism c) receive Confirmation d) receive first Communion

14 The Apostles' _____ contains the most basic statement of Catholic teaching.

- a) Creed b) *Catechism* c) Parable d) Club



15 The official teachings of the Catholic Church come from both Scripture and Tradition.

True | False

16 When a baby is baptized, who receives catechesis?

- a) the baby b) grandparents c) uncles d) parents

17 To receive first Communion, a child must be the age of reason, which is about _____ years old.

- a) 2 b) 7 c) 18 d) 21

18 The *Catechism* uses the Ten _____ to explain how to follow Jesus and be a disciple.

- a) Commandments b) Beatitudes c) Corporal Works of Mercy d) Apostles

19 The *Catechism* uses the _____ to teach about Christian prayer.

- a) Rosary b) Act of Contrition c) Hail Mary d) Lord's Prayer

20 A version of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* geared for teens and young adults is called *YOUCAT*.

True | False



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The *Baltimore Catechism* is a universal catechism. True | False

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