Test Your Catechism Knowledge  BY DAVID O’BRIEN

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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