

## ANSWERS TO WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

**1 B)** After agreeing to be mother of the Jesus and subsequently visiting her cousin Elizabeth, Mary sings this prayer of gratitude (The Magnificat) for all the great works God had done for her (See CCC, 2097).

**2 FALSE.** Mary serves as the greatest role model of obedient faithfulness to God for all Christians in every generation (See CCC, 144). She was Jesus' first disciple and still serves him through her maternal care of the Church.

**3 D)** St. John Paul II, following Church teaching, explained how Jesus made Mary the mother of all disciples; Christ gave us "the gift of a mother, his mother, who thus becomes our mother too."

**4 A)** Throughout history Mary has continued to care for Christians through her intercessory prayer and occasionally by appearing around the world to call people to prayer and conversion.

**5 C)** The children often were poor, uneducated shepherds who did not realize at first that they were seeing the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**6 TRUE.** In 1930, the Church recognized the children's visions of Mary in Fatima to be authentic and worthy of pious devotion.

**7 C)** Since 1917 millions of people visit Fatima as pilgrims each year.

**8 FALSE.** Mary told the children to pray for peace and an end of war.

**9 D)** On the eve of the Bolshevik revolution, which sent Russia into 60 years of oppression under communism, Mary advised the children to pray so that Russia would not spread its lies to the whole world.

**10 B)** Mary promised a miracle to prove her appearances were authentic. During her last visit in October, witnesses reported seeing the sun dancing, spinning, changing colors, and descending toward the earth.

**11 D)** Francisco and Jacinta were named "blessed" in 2000, the first step of sainthood. Pope Benedict waived the 5-year wait to open the cause for Lucia's path to sainthood. She died in 2005 at 97 years of age.

**12 C)** Jacinta offered her suffering for the Pope, the conversion of sinners, and peace in the world.

**13 A)** Sister Lucia visited Fatima when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified and when Pope John Paul II came in 1982.

**14 A)** During her last appearance to the children in Fatima, Mary referred to herself with this title.

**15 TRUE.** The attack occurred on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. A bullet barely missed a major artery, and the Pope said that "a mother's hand guided the bullet's path."

**16 D)** A year after he was shot, the Pope visited Fatima to thank Mary and placed the bullet in the crown of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

**17 B)** The daughter of the Muslim prophet Mohammed was named Fatima. Mohammed said of his daughter after her death: "Thou shalt be the most blessed of women in Paradise, after the Virgin Mary." Mary's appearance in Fatima connects Muslims to her message.

**18 A)** The angel taught the children this prayer: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

**19 D)** Mary told the children: "When you recite the Rosary, say at the end of each decade: "Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy."

**20 TRUE.** Millions are expected to celebrate this anniversary through pilgrimages to Fatima and special prayer services throughout the world.



If a person says the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him/her, the Catholic Church automatically says the vision is real. **True | False**

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