



## WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

A Self-Assessment for Your Fun and Enlightenment

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**Help your students and their families learn about the Catholic faith with this fun self-quiz. Answers can be found on page 47.**

**1. Advent is the liturgical season that prepares us for**

- a) Christmas b) Easter c) shopping d) Christ's baptism

**2. Incarnation means**

- a) all nations will bow to Jesus b) carnations will be used to celebrate Christmas c) God took on human flesh d) the Virgin Mary is among us

**3. Matthew 1:23 quotes the prophet Isaiah (7:14), saying: "...the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." Emmanuel means**

- a) Thank you, Jesus b) God is with us c) God is coming d) Jesus Christ is Lord

**4. This solemnity celebrates the magi from the east giving homage to the infant Jesus.**

- a) Holy Trinity b) *Tres Leches* c) Immaculate Conception d) Epiphany

**5. The Christmas Season ends with the feast of**

- a) the Lord's Supper b) Thanksgiving c) the Archangels d) the Baptism of the Lord

**6. The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation celebrated on**

- a) May 1 b) July 4 c) January 1 d) December 25

**7. During the Advent and Christmas Seasons, Catholics may pray the \_\_\_ Mysteries of the Rosary on Sundays.**

- a) Luminous b) Glorious c) Joyful d) Sorrowful

**8. When the Holy Family fled to Egypt, they were**

- a) chased by Herod's soldiers b) sent back to Nazareth for being illegal immigrants c) welcomed and taken in by the Jewish community in Egypt d) sent to a detention center until their refugee status was processed

**9. Jesus' first visitors were**

- a) the shepherds b) the little drummer boy and his guitarist c) the innkeeper d) Herod's soldiers

**10. During the dark and cold winters of Northern Europe, Germanic tribes placed \_\_\_ in their homes for light and heat.**

- a) a yule log b) an evergreen wreath with candles c) a lava lamp d) smoldering ashes from Ash Wednesday

**11. The pope is the \_\_\_ of Rome.**

- a) Presbyter b) Bishop c) Director d) Conductor

**12. The Year of Our Lord, the Church's calendar year, begins on**

- a) payday b) New Year's Day c) Easter Sunday d) the First Sunday of Advent

**13. Saint \_\_\_ was the first to create a Christmas crèche (manger) to celebrate the birth of Christ.**

- a) Nicholas b) Mary c) Joseph d) Francis of Assisi

**14. How did the magi find the baby Jesus?**

- a) followed the GPS on their camels b) found Bethlehem on Google Maps c) followed the star d) asked the locals for directions to the Church of the Nativity

**15. There are \_\_\_ candles in the Advent wreath; all except one are the color \_\_\_.**

- a) seven; white b) four; purple/violet c) twelve; pink d) three; Christmas tree green

**16. The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph occurs during the season of**

- a) Christmas b) Advent c) Ordinary Time d) Lent

**17. Matthew 2:11 tells of the magi bringing gifts of gold, \_\_\_, and myrrh to the Christ child.**

- a) cash b) diamonds c) frankincense d) frankfurters

**18. The angels and the heavenly hosts proclaimed: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth \_\_\_ to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).**

- a) peace b) blessings c) happiness d) prosperity

**19. The angel \_\_\_ told Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus.**

- a) from the TV show "Touched by an Angel" b) Gabriel c) Michael d) Raphael

**20. Which figurine in the family crèche might not appear until Christmas morning?**

- a) the angel b) the donkey c) the magi d) the Christ Child

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