

audience

1. Where is the best place to keep Gods word?
  - a. Answer: In your heart
  
2. Who were the four Gospel writers?
  - a. ANSWER: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
  
3. To which Apostle did Jesus give the keys to heaven?
  - a. ANSWER: St. Peter
  
4. What was the home country of Pope John Paul II?
  - a. ANSWER: Poland
  
5. What was the home country of Pope Benedict XVI?
  - a. ANSWER: Germany
  
6. Before he was pope, what was Pope Benedict XVI's name?
  - a. ANSWER: Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
  
7. What was Pope John Paul II's name before he was pope?
  - a. ANSWER: Karol Wojtyla
  
8. What does Pope Benedict XVI's older brother Georg do?
  - a. ANSWER: He is a priest.
  - b. Benedict also had a sister, Maria Ratzinger, who never got married

9. In a decree issued 607 A.D., what did Pope Boniface III prohibit in the first three days after the death of a pope?
- c. ANSWER: Discussion or arrangements for the appointment of a successor.
  - d. The punishment for a violation? Excommunication.
10. Where in Europe are the bodily remains of St. Peter and St. Paul?
- e. ANSWER: ROME Italy!
  - f. It is not surprising that the bodies of St. Peter, the first pope, and St. Paul were buried in Rome.
11. To whom did Jesus say, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
- g. ANSWER: Jesus said those words to PETER.
12. What are the most famous four words Jesus said at the Last Supper?
- h. ANSWER: "THIS IS MY BODY"
  - i. These were the famous words of Jesus at the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist.
13. How many people saw Jesus after between the time he rose from the dead and the time he ascended into heaven?
- a. ANSWER: 500+ PEOPLE!
  - b. Jesus was seen by more than 500 people after He rose from the dead and before He ascended up into the sky and into heaven 40 days later.
14. What is the punishment for a priest who repeats your sins that are confessed to him?
- j. ANSWER: Ex-communication
15. What color vestments do priests wear on Palm Sunday?
- a. ANSWER: RED
16. Monks, friars, and nuns take three vows – poverty, celibacy, and obedience. Diocesan priests take two of these vows. Which two?

- b. ANSWER: Celibacy and obedience to the bishop.
- c. While diocesan priests are allowed to own things, they are still expected to live a simple, humble life. Unlike diocesan priests, religious order priests, such as Dominicans and Franciscans, take all three vows.

17. What was the occupation of Pope Benedict XVI's father?

- d. ANSWER: Police officer
- e. (but the pope's father came from a family of farmers in Lower Bavaria)

18. According to St. John Chrysostom, what special thing did God give to priests that not even angels got?

- f. ANSWER: The power to forgive sins.
- g. Jesus said to his Apostles: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:21-23) St. John Chrysostom wrote: "Priests have received a power which God has given neither to angels nor to archangels. It was said to them: 'Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose, shall be loosed.' Temporal rulers have indeed the power of binding; but they can only bind the body. Priests, in contrast, can bind with a bond which pertains to the soul itself and transcends the very heavens. Did [God] not give them all the powers of heaven? 'Whose sins you shall forgive,' he says, 'they are forgiven them; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' What greater power is there than this? The Father has given all judgment to the Son. And now I see the Son placing all this power in the hands of men [Matt. 10:40; John 20:21-23]. They are raised to this dignity as if they were already gathered up to heaven" (The Priesthood 3:5 [ 387 A.D.]).

19. What does the word "catholic" mean?

- h. Answer: Universal

20. In which German city did Pope Benedict XVI once serve as archbishop?

- i. ANSWER: Munich.
- j. Later, from 1981 to 2005, Cardinal Ratzinger was head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He was elected pope in 2005.

21. What is the State of Oregon's official "Birthday"?

- k. St Valentine's day

22. Why is Guadalupe, Mexico so important to Mexican Catholics?

- l. ANSWER: Because the Blessed Mother appeared in Guadalupe, Mexico!
- m. Thanks to the apparitions to St. Juan Diego, the vast majority of the Mexican people converted to Christianity from Aztec religions.

23. How many Bible readings are part of a standard Sunday Mass?

- a. ANSWER: Four.
- a. There are three main Scripture readings, plus the Psalms

24. Hermeneutics is the art of what?

- b. ANSWER: Hermeneutics is the art or science of Biblical interpretation and explanation.

25. What do Sede-vacantists believe about the pope?

- c. ANSWER: That the seat of Peter, or office of Pope, is vacant.
- d. Can you say schism?

26. Whose doctrine was the focus of Pope Benedict XVI's doctoral thesis?

- e. ANSWER: St. Augustine.
- f. The title of the Pope Benedict's thesis was "The People and House of God in St. Augustine's doctrine of the Church."

27. Name the 7 deadly sins

- g. Pride
- h. Envy
- i. Gluttony
- j. Lust
- k. Anger/wrath
- l. Greed
- m. Sloth

(Who Am I?)

1. I ate modest meals of locusts and honey. When my mother was pregnant, I leaped inside her womb when a special baby arrived at our house. Who am I?
  - a. ANSWER: St. John the Baptist.
  
2. Under my reign as Emperor, bishops, priests and deacons were jail and tortured, Christians massacred, and churches destroyed. Who am I?
  - a. ANSWER: Diocletian.
  - b. He reigned as Roman Emperor from 284 to 305 A.D. At first, he did little to thwart the growing number of Christians. But later, one of his generals, Galerius, influenced him to become a great persecutor of the Church.
  
3. My inventing the printing press means we can print Bibles instead of waiting for monks to copy them by hand. Who am I?
  - a. ANSWER: Johann Gutenberg. (born c. 1400, died 1467 or 1468 A.D.).
  
4. People like to call me “the Founder of California.” Who am I?
  - a. ANSWER: Junipero Serra
  - b. This Franciscan priest’s expeditions in California resulted in the founding of missions that converted multitudes of natives to Christianity. Born on the Spanish island of Majorca in 1713 A.D., the missionary, linguist and doctor of theology translated the Catechism into the language of the Pame Indians in California. He died in Monterrey, California in 1784.
  
5. My coins have the letter “C” or “M.” My mother was St. Helena. From a vision, I saw clearly I should be Christian and conquer in the name of Christ. Who am I?
  - a. ANSWER: Constantine the Great!
  - b. Constantine (306-337 A.D.) was Roman Emperor. It was during the Great Persecution that Constantine had a vision of the sign of Christ on the eve of battle against Emperor Maxentius. Constantine was directed by the dream to place the sign of Christ on the shields of his soldiers. The battle was won. Christianity would henceforth be practiced freely in the empire.
  
6. I established the Secretariat of Indian Affairs to protect Native Americans from overzealous colonists in the New World. Who am I?
  - a. ANSWER: Queen Isabella of Spain.

- b. Married to King Ferdinand, Isabella the Catholic saw to it that Christopher Columbus got the Church funding and boats he needed for his famous 1492 expedition to the New World, and later took steps to protect the American Indians.

(The Holiday Challenge)

- a. Catholic priest   b. a Catholic bishop   c. a pope   d. a Catholic evangelist

7. Valentine's Day got its name from whom? a. Catholic priest   b. a Catholic bishop   c. a pope

- a. ANSWER: If you said A or B, your are correct!
- b. Of the three St. Valentines mentioned in the early Christian martyrologies under Feb. 14, one is listed as a priest and one is listed as a bishop, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia. All three are listed as martyrs.

8. Columbus Day gets its name from whom? a, a Catholic priest   b. a Catholic bishop   c. a Catholic evangelist

- a. ANSWER: C. Catholic evangelist
- b. Christopher Columbus, who sailed to America in 1492, was a Catholic layman. Perhaps he should get an award for being Christian Missionary Numero Uno.

9. St. Patrick's Day got its name from whom? a. Catholic priest   b. a Catholic bishop   c. a pope

- a. ANSWER   B . . . Bishop
- b. St. Patrick was the second bishop of Ireland. Pope Celestine I "entrusted St. Patrick with the mission of gathering the Irish race into the one fold of Christ," according to the 1917 Catholic Encyclopedia." Of course, all bishops are also priests, so if you guessed "A" you still get a star.

10. Santa Claus got his name from whom? a. Catholic priest   b. a Catholic bishop   c. a pope

- a. ANSWER: B . . . Bishop
- b. The legend of Santa Claus is based on St. Nicholas (say the last half of "Nicholas" and you get "Claus."). St. Nicholas was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the 4th century.

11. The Gregorian calendar got its name from whom? a Catholic priest   b. a Catholic bishop   c. a pope

- a. ANSWER: C . . . a pope
- b. Pope Gregory XIII was the pope who reformed the Julian calendar.

12. Why do Catholic school students always have off from school the day after Halloween?

- a. ANSWER: Because Nov. 1 is All Saints' Day!
- b. Halloween, of course, means All Hallow's Eve. On the feast of All Saints' Day (which is a Holy Day of Obligation), we commemorate all the saints and martyrs who followed the Lord into heaven. And don't forget the next day: Nov. 2 is All Souls' Day, the perfect day to pray and go to Mass for the benefit of our deceased loved ones in purgatory.

13. Why did St. Patrick pick up a shamrock?

- a. ANSWER: To demonstrate the concept of the Trinity: three persons in one God.

14. What is the meaning of the word "Christmas"?

- a. ANSWER: A . . . Christ's Mass

15. Why are shamrocks associated with St. Patrick's Day?

- a. ANSWER: Using a shamrock, St. Patrick demonstrated the concept of the TRINITY (three persons in one God)

16. What holiday is also known as Shrove Tuesday?

- a. ANSWER: Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

17. What holiday marks the finale of the 12 Days of Christmas?

- a. ANSWER: The Epiphany (also called Three Kings' Day).