Test Your Catholic Knowledge

How many of these questions can you answer? Ask your family, friends, and sponsor to help. Use the Internet, a Bible, and other Catholic resources.

1. In Saint John’s Gospel, who is called the “Word of God”?

2. Who is called the patron saint of missions even though she never left her convent?

3. What future follower of Jesus stood by watching the stoning of the Church’s first martyr, Stephen?

4. What colors are the papal flag?

5. Who is the sister who won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with those in India who are poor?

6. What does “Easter duty” mean?

7. Who are the men in colorful uniforms who have been responsible for the personal safety of the pope since 1506?

8. What is the name of the large, colored vestment the priest wears for Mass?

9. Which is the shortest of the four Gospels?

10. What is the name of the small, round container that is used to bring consecrated hosts to those who are sick?

11. How many days after Easter does Pentecost occur?

12. What man of God had such a radiant face after speaking with God that people feared to look at him?

13. On what day do Catholics remember and pray especially for those who have died?

14. What was Saint Peter’s name before Jesus changed it?

15. What is the study of the nature of God and religious truth called?

16. What color vestments do priests wear during Advent and Lent?

17. Who replaced Judas?

18. What is the name of the movement for unity among the Christian Churches?

19. What is the name of the brief stories Jesus told to teach and reveal religious truths?

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20. Who was the first non-Italian pope since 1523?

21. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?

22. What is the name of the body of laws that govern the Church?

23. What is the sign in a church that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved there?

24. What is the vessel called that is used to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration?

25. What is the ceremonial hat of a bishop called?

26. What is the title bestowed on a Roman Catholic church because of its age or importance?

27. What is the name of the unleavened bread used by Jews at Passover?

28. What do the letters at the top of a crucifix mean?

29. Where did Moses die?

30. What is the name of the staff used by a bishop as a symbol of his office?

31. Why are tools the symbols of Saint Joseph?

32. What is another name for “the city of David”?

33. In which book of the Bible is the story of Abraham found?

34. What prayer containing three Hail Marys is prayed in honor of the Incarnation?

35. Which artist painted the famous scenes in the Sistine Chapel in Rome?

36. What is the cross worn by a bishop or abbot?

37. In what year did Mary appear to Saint Bernadette in Lourdes, France?

38. Which Mysteries of the Rosary include Jesus’ preaching about the Kingdom of God?

39. What year was the Council of Nicea?

40. What is the name of Mary’s song of praise in Luke’s Gospel?

41. What is the name of the mystery of the Son of God becoming human?

42. What does RIP mean?
43. What is the Hebrew name for the first five books of the Bible?

44. What is the meaning of AMDG?

45. What is the name of the stand where the Scriptures are read during the Mass?

46. Who is the minister of the Sacrament of Matrimony?

47. To what was Jacob’s name changed?

48. What is the name of the evening prayer of the Church?

49. What are the names of the three oils used by the Church?

50. What do we call the Fourth Sunday of Lent?

51. What feast day of two saints is a holy day for the universal Church but not for the Church in the United States?

52. What does dominus vobiscum mean?

53. Who was the last person named a Doctor of the Church?

54. Which feast celebrates Jesus’ conception?

55. What does Ordinary Time mean?

56. The Book of Ruth tells the story of whose great-grandmother?

57. Which book of the Bible tells the story of the prophet Elisha?

58. Who allowed the Jews to return from exile and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem?

59. Who translated the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek to the language of the people, Latin?

60. What is the name of Holy Communion received by the dying?

61. What are the three ministries of Holy Orders?

62. What is the name of the Catholic belief that the consecrated Bread and Wine is truly the Body and Blood of Christ?

63. What is the name of a person who has been accepted to prepare for Baptism at Easter?

64. What religious community did Saint Ignatius of Loyola found?

65. What council of the Church was called to respond to the Reformation?