

TWENTY-FIVE TRUTHS CATECHISM INSTRUCTIONS AND EXAMPLE OF ANSWER (Question #1)

You may check out a Catechism/Bible from Lois at the Parish Offices or can find the Catechism online here: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm>. The Catechism is organized into paragraphs, not pages or otherwise. So the paragraphs that contain the answer are paragraphs 1-3 in the Catechism (see the CCC 1-3 there in the notation). A short summary (two sentences is fine) is all that is needed for an answer.

So, for instance, the first question:

“Why did God Create Us?”

Scripture: John 17:3

Compendium: 1

CCC: nos.1-3

YouCat: 1-2

can be answered by looking at the first three paragraphs in the Catechism:

I. The Life of Man—To Know and Love God

1 God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life.

2 So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”⁴ Strengthened by this mission, the apostles “went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.”⁵

3 Those who with God’s help have welcomed Christ’s call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ’s faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.⁶

The summary/answer to question #1 would be something like:

“God created us to draw close to Him and to go out and spread the Good News of Jesus to all. We are called to be people of community and prayer, passing the faith on from generation to generation.”

Most often, the direct answers will be found in the Catechism, and the Bible passages and the other texts give supporting and collaborative text and evidence. As always, contact Jen at conrad@saint-johns.net if you have questions.

FIFTY CATHOLIC TRUTHS EVERY TEEN SHOULD KNOW

FIRST 25 QUESTIONS

Due November 13, 2016

Candidates, please work together with you parent or sponsor in completing these questions during the month of October. Each question should be answered fully, and can usually be answered in two-four sentences. Feel free to write or type the answers to the questions that follow.

Please use a Bible in addition to any one of the following guides to answer the 25 questions below:
Compendium: Compendium of the Catechism of the Church, a summary of what Catholics believe.
CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church
YouCat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

1. Why did God Create Us?

Scripture: John 17:3

Compendium: 1

CCC: nos.1-3

YouCat: 1-2

2. How do we know that God exists?

Scripture: Romans 1:20; Hebrews 1: 1-4

Compendium: 3 -4, 9

CCC: nos. 36 – 38, 73

YouCat: 4 – 7

3. How does God reveal Himself in the Old Testament?

Scripture: Genesis 1:1, 3:15; Isaiah 49: 5-6; Hebrew 1:1

Compendium: 6 – 8

CCC: nos. 68 – 72

YouCat: 8

4. Who was Abraham?

Scripture: Genesis 12:1 – 3; Romans 4:1 – 21

Compendium: 8, 26, 536

CCC: nos. 59-60, 145 – 46, 2570-73

YouCat: 8, 471

5. Who was Moses?

Scripture: Exodus 3: 1 – 12

Compendium: 58, 537

CCC: nos. 62, 204-09, 2574-77

YouCat: 47

6. Who was David?

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1 – 13; Matthew 1:1; Acts 13:21-22

Compendium: 538

CCC: nos. 709, 2578-80

YouCat: 473

7. Is everything in the Bible true?

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

Compendium: 18 – 19

CCC: nos. 105 – 14

YouCat: 14 – 16

8. Where do we turn to find out about the life of Jesus?

Scripture: Luke 1: 1- 4

Compendium: 22

CCC: nos. 125 – 27

YouCat: 18

9. What is the Creed?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15: 3 – 5

Compendium: 33-35

CCC: nos. 185-97

YouCat: 26

10. Why do we accept as true what the Church teaches in matters of faith and morals?

Scripture: Matthew: 28: 19-20; Luke 10

Compendium: 16, 430

CCC: nos. 2032-37

YouCat: 13, 24, 343 – 44

11. Do Christians believe in one God or three Gods?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19

Compendium: 48

CCC: nos. 253 – 56

YouCat: 35

12. Why does God, who is all-loving and all-powerful, allow suffering and evil?

Scripture: Romans 8:28

Compendium: 57 – 58

CCC: nos. 309 – 14

YouCat: 51

13. What is our place in creation?

Scripture: Genesis 1: 26 – 28

Compendium: nos. 63

CCC: nos. 343, 373, 2415-18

YouCat: 56 - 57

14. What is the soul?

Scripture: Genesis 2:27; Matthew 10:28; 1 Corinthians 15:42-49

Compendium: 69-70

CCC: nos. 362 -68

YouCat: 62- 23

15. What is original sin?

Scripture: Genesis 3: 1 – 13; Romans 5: 12-14, 19

Compendium: 76 – 78

CCC: nos. 388-89; 396 – 412

YouCat: 68 – 70

16. Who is Jesus?

Scripture: Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31, 2:21; John 1:1, 14; Galatians 4: 4-7; Hebrews 2:17, 5:15

Compendium: 81

CCC: nos. 430 – 35

YouCat: 72 - 74

17. What does it mean to accept Jesus as Lord?

Scripture: Matthew 7:21; John 13:13, 20:28, 21:7; Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:5 – 11; *Revelation* 22:20 – 21

Compendium: 84

CCC: nos. 446-51

YouCat: 75

18. Why did God become man?

Scripture: John 3:16, 15:12; 1 John 4:10; 2 Peter 1:4

Compendium 85

CCC: nos. 456-60

YouCat: 76

19. Why is Mary called the ever-virgin Mother of God and our Blessed Mother?

Scripture: Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:26-38, 48; John 2:1, 19:25 – 27; Revelations 12:17

Compendium: 95, 99 - 100

CCC: nos. 495 – 501, 969, 971

YouCat: 80 – 82, 85

20. What happened at the Last Supper?

Scripture: Luke 22:19; John 13:1 – 15; 1 Corinthians 11:25

Compendium: 120

CCC: nos. 610 - 11

YouCat: 99

21. Why did Jesus die on the Cross?

Scripture: Matthew 20:28; John 13:1; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:8

Compendium: 122

CCC: nos. 613 - 17

YouCat: 101

22. What is the Resurrection?

Scripture: Luke 24:5 – 6; John 11:25 – 26; Corinthians 15:14

Compendium: 131

CCC: nos. 651 – 58

YouCat: 104 – 08

23. Who is the Holy Spirit?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19; John 14:25 – 26; Acts 1:8; Romans 5:5, 8:14-17; Galatians 4:6

Compendium: 136, 138 – 39

CCC: nos. 687 – 747

YouCat: 113 – 20

24. What happened on Pentecost?

Scripture: Acts 2:1 – 12

Compendium: 144

CCC: nos. 731 – 32, 767

YouCat: 118

25. Why did Jesus establish the Church?

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-19, 28: 19-20; Acts 10:35; Revelations 7: 9-10

Compendium: 149, 152-53

CCC: nos. 759, 763-66, 774-76, 781

YouCat: 122-23

FIFTY CATHOLIC TRUTHS EVERY TEEN SHOULD KNOW
SECOND 25 QUESTIONS
Due February 12, 2017

Candidates, please work together with you parent or sponsor in completing these questions during the month of January. Each question should be answered fully, and can usually be answered in two-four sentences. Feel free to write or type the answers to the questions that follow.

26. What are the four marks of the Church?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19; John 17: 20-21; Ephesians 2:19-20, 4: 1-6, 5:25 -27

Compendium: 161, 165 – 66, 174

CCC: nos. 811 – 12

YouCat: 129, 132 – 34, 137

27. What is the vocation of every Christian?

Scripture: John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 9:16

Compendium: 188

CCC: nos. 826-28, 900

YouCat: 138

28. Who is the Pope?

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-19

Compendium: 182

CCC: nos. 862, 880 – 82

YouCat: 141

29. What is religious life?

Scripture: Matthew 19:21, 27 – 29, 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Compendium: 192 – 93

CCC: nos. 914-33, 944-45

YouCat: 145

30. How do Mary and the saints help us?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4: 16, 11:1

Compendium: 195, 197

CCC: nos. 956, 975

YouCat: 147-49

31. What is Heaven?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:9, 13:12

Compendium: 209

CCC: nos. 1023 – 29

YouCat: 158

32. What is purgatory?

Scripture: 2 Maccabees 12:46; Matthew 12:32; 1 Corinthians 3:15; 1 Peter 1:7

Compendium: 210 – 11

CCC: nos. 1030 – 32

YouCat: 159 – 60

33. Does hell exist?

Scripture: Matthew 10:28, 11:40-42, 25:41-46; 1 John 3:14-15

Compendium: 212 – 13

CCC: nos. 1033 – 37

YouCat: 161

34. What happens to us at Baptism?

Scripture: Romans 6:3 – 4; Corinthians 5:17; 2 Peter 1:4

Compendium: 263

CCC: nos. 1262-70

YouCat: 200

35. What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Scripture: Acts 8:14 – 17

Compendium: 268

CCC: nos. 1302 – 05, 1316

YouCat: 203 – 05

36. What is the Mass?

Scripture: Malachi 1:11; Luke 22: 7-20, 24, 24: 13-35

Acts 2:42; Hebrews 7:25 – 27

Compendium: 275, 280

CCC: nos. 1332, 1341, 1345 – 47, 1362 – 68

YouCat: 212 – 14, 217, 221

37. What do Catholics Believe concerning Christ's presence in the Eucharist?

Scripture: John 6:22-69; 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 29

Compendium: 282 – 86

CCC: nos. 1373 – 81

YouCat: 208, 211

38. How should we prepare to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:27 – 29

Compendium: 291

CCC: nos. 1384 – 87

YouCat: 220

39. Why do we need the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Scripture: John 20: 19 – 23

Compendium: 297

CCC: nos. 1425 -26, 1486

YouCat: 226

40. What does it mean to become a priest?

Scripture: Titus 1:5; James 5:14; Hebrews 7:17

Compendium: 328, 336

CCC: nos. 1562 – 68

YouCat: 254

41. What does the Church teach about marriage?

Scripture: Genesis 2:21 – 24; Matthew 19:5 – 6

Compendium: 337 -38

CCC: nos. 1601

YouCat: 260 – 63

42. What is human freedom?

Scripture: John 8:32; Galatians 5:1

Compendium: 362

CCC: nos. 1744 – 45

YouCat: 286 – 88

43. What is Virtue?

Scripture: Wisdom 8:7; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Philippians 4:8; Titus 2:11 -13

Compendium: 377

CCC: nos. 1803, 1833 – 44

YouCat: 299

44. What are sins?

Scripture: Psalm 51; 1 Corinthians 6: 9 – 11

Compendium: 392

CCC: nos. 1849 – 51

YouCat: 315

45. Are some sins more serious than others?

Scripture: 1 John 5: 16-17

Compendium: 394 – 96

CCC: nos. 1854 – 64

YouCat: 316

46. What is the basis of human dignity?

Scripture: Luke 10:25 – 37

Compendium: 411 – 12

CCC: nos. 1929 -33

YouCat: 329 – 32

47. What is the purpose of the Commandments?

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1 – 17; Matthew 5: 17 -19, 19: 16-19

Compendium: 434 – 35

CCC: nos. 2052 – 63

YouCat: 348 – 51

48. What is so special about Sunday?

Scripture: Psalm 118:24; Matthew 28:1

Compendium: 452 – 54

CCC: nos. 2174, 2192 – 95

YouCat: 364 - 66

49. What does it mean to be chaste?

Scripture: Sirach 1:22; Matthew 5: 27-28; Galatians 5:22

Compendium: 488 – 91

CCC: nos. 2337 – 50

YouCat: 404 – 06

50. Why should we pray?

Scripture: Psalm 95: 1-6; Luke 18: 13; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 2:1;

Revelations 7:11 – 12

Compendium: 534 – 35, 550

CCC: nos. 2566-67, 2644

YouCat: 469 – 70, 483