

Catholic Knowledge Bowl Questions

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1. From what country does Pope Francis originate?
 - a. Brazil
 - b. Italy
 - c. Argentina
 - d. Peru

2. What color(s) of vestments may be used by a priest when celebrating a funeral Mass?
 - a. White only
 - b. White, black and violet
 - c. Black and purple
 - d. Black

3. When in a Catholic wedding, do the bride and groom become husband and wife?
 - a. During the Nuptial Blessing
 - b. When they are pronounced husband and wife
 - c. When they offer consent through the exchange of their vows
 - d. When the groom kisses the bride

4. When a diocese becomes vacant, due to the resignation or death of its bishop, who governs the diocese, until an administrator is either elected or assigned and a new bishop is appointed?
 - a. The pope
 - b. A bishop from a neighboring diocese
 - c. The College of Consultors
 - d. The vicar general of the diocese

5. What is the earliest age in which a man can be ordained a priest, unless granted a dispensation by the pope?
 - a. 35
 - b. 25
 - c. 30
 - d. 26

6. How many times, in a given day and during the celebration of a Mass, can a Catholic layperson receive Holy Communion?
 - a. Three
 - b. Two
 - c. One
 - d. As many times as desired

7. What does the Catholic Church consider to be the age of reason?
 - a. 5
 - b. 7
 - c. 10
 - d. 3

8. At what age are cardinals of the Catholic Church no longer eligible to vote for a new pope?
 - a. There is no age limit
 - b. 75
 - c. 80
 - d. 70

9. According to canon law, what is the earliest age in which a priest can be ordained a bishop?
 - a. 35
 - b. 45
 - c. 40
 - d. 50

10. What does the Sacrament of Baptism wash away?
 - a. Personal sin only
 - b. Original sin only
 - c. Original sin and personal sin
 - d. Concupiscence

11. A permanent deacon cannot confer the following _____.
 - a. Eucharist only
 - b. Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Confirmation
 - c. Confirmation and Eucharist
 - d. Confirmation only

12. What is the name of the vessel, in which the Blessed Sacrament is placed during Adoration?
 - a. A ciborium
 - b. A monstrance
 - c. A chalice
 - d. A pyx

13. The instrument used by a priest to dispense holy water during liturgical celebrations is _____.
 - a. Aspergillum
 - b. Censer
 - c. Purificator
 - d. Flagon

14. What is the name of the Mass a bishop must celebrate every year with the priests of his diocese?
 - a. Easter Sunday Mass
 - a. Holy Thursday Mass
 - c. The Chrism Mass
 - d. Confirmation Mass

15. At what age must a bishop submit his letter of resignation to the pope?
 - a. 70
 - b. 75
 - c. 80
 - d. He doesn't have to resign

16. In what are the relics of saints often placed?
- A reliquary
 - A monstrance
 - A pyx
 - A thurible
17. How many sacraments can a Catholic receive only once?
- 7
 - 3
 - 4
 - 2
18. When a priest is ordained a bishop, how many bishops must be present, in order for the ordination to be valid?
- Two
 - Four
 - Three
 - One
19. Which is NOT a precept of the Catholic Church?
- To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
 - To confess our sins at least once a year
 - To send our children to Catholic schools
 - To observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence
20. Every diocese is affiliated with a metropolitan archbishop and a metropolis archdiocese. Who is the metropolitan for the Diocese of Victoria?
- The Archbishop in the Archdiocese of San Antonio
 - The Archbishop in the Archdiocese of New Orleans
 - The Archbishop in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
 - The Archbishop in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
21. How many bishops have served the Diocese of Victoria prior to The Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill?
- One
 - Three
 - Two
 - Four
22. In what country did the Blessed Mother appear to three children at Fatima in 1917?
- Spain
 - Italy
 - Portugal
 - France
23. How were the three children, to whom Mary appeared in Fatima in 1917, related?
- Siblings
 - Cousins
 - Through adoption
 - They were not related

24. What were the names of the children to whom Mary appeared in Fatima?
- Marcos, Maria and Luz
 - Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco
 - Jose, Juanita and Teresa
 - Juan, Linda and Roberta
25. Which is NOT a Luminous Mystery?
- The Finding of Jesus in the Temple
 - The Institution of the Eucharist
 - The Wedding at Cana
 - Transfiguration
26. Which liturgical color in the Church symbolizes life, growth and hope?
- White
 - Violet
 - Green
 - Red
27. Which country has the largest population of Catholics in the world?
- The United States
 - Italy
 - Spain
 - Brazil
28. In what country did Pope Francis serve as an archbishop before being elected pope?
- Brazil
 - Mexico
 - Paraguay
 - Argentina
29. What is the longest book in the Bible?
- Jeremiah
 - Luke
 - Psalms
 - Genesis
30. What book in the New Testament do scholars say St. Paul DID NOT author?
- Corinthians
 - Ephesians
 - Hebrews
 - Philemon
31. The pulpit, also known as _____ is where the Word of God is proclaimed during Mass.
- The credence table
 - The ambo
 - The lectionary
 - The vestibule

32. At what liturgical celebration is the paschal candle officially blessed?
- At a baptism
 - On Easter Sunday
 - On Good Friday
 - At the Easter Vigil
33. Other than Sunday, what day of the week does the pope ordinarily meet with the pilgrims who visit the Vatican?
- Monday
 - Wednesday
 - Thursday
 - Friday
34. In what country would one find the Church of the Holy Sepulchre?
- Italy
 - The Vatican
 - The United States
 - Israel
35. When electing a new pope, where do the cardinals of the Church conduct the voting?
- In the Vatican library
 - In the Basilica of St. Peter
 - In the Sistine Chapel
 - In the Papal Gardens
36. What color of smoke indicates NO pope has been elected?
- White
 - Black
 - Magenta
 - Purple
37. Besides Matthias who else was considered by the Apostles to replace Judas Iscariot?
- Saul who became Paul
 - Joseph called Barsabbas
 - Ananias
 - Stephen
38. Which is NOT an official title of the pope?
- Vicar of Christ
 - Keeper of the Keys
 - Bishop of Rome
 - Patriarch of the West
39. Of the original Twelve, which apostle was married?
- Peter
 - John
 - Bartholomew
 - Andrew

40. There are two major feast days honoring St. Joseph. St. Joseph the Worker and _____.
- St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus
 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
 - St. Joseph, Protector of the Child Jesus
 - St. Joseph, Faithful Servant of God
41. Except for Judas, all of the original Twelve Apostles were from what region?
- Jerusalem
 - Judea
 - Egypt
 - Galilee
42. Which of the following is NOT a book in the Old Testament?
- The Book of Ezra
 - The Book of Revelation
 - The Book of Baruch
 - The Book of Tobit
43. Other than the name "Jesus", what name appears more times in the bible than any other?
- Moses
 - David
 - Peter
 - Jacob
44. Which Old Testament book is most referred to in the New Testament?
- Exodus
 - Isaiah
 - Psalms
 - Genesis
45. For what did King Solomon ask God in a dream?
- Mercy
 - Understanding
 - Righteousness
 - Wealth
46. From whom must the pope seek permission, in order to resign?
- The bishops of the world
 - The cardinals of the world
 - No one
 - The Vatican officials
47. According to Church law, who are the primary educators of children in the ways of faith?
- Their teachers
 - Their parents
 - The Catholic Church
 - The government

48. Which is NOT one of the seven capital sins?
- Gluttony
 - Murder
 - Pride
 - Sloth
49. When is the Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrated?
- Second Friday after Ascension
 - Second Friday after Pentecost
 - Third Friday after Ascension
 - Third Friday after Pentecost
50. Along with being the Vicar of Christ on earth, the Pope is also the bishop of _____.
- Vatican City
 - Rome
 - Assisi
 - Jerusalem
51. In Catholic morality, which of the following is not one of the conditions for a sin to be mortal?
- Grave
 - Outside influence
 - Full consent
 - Full knowledge
52. Which of the following is NOT a Sacrament of Initiation?
- Baptism
 - Holy Eucharist
 - Penance
 - Confirmation
53. Which diocese in the United States is the largest in terms of square mileage?
- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 - The Archdiocese of Chicago
 - The Archdiocese of New York
 - The Archdiocese of Anchorage
54. Which diocese in the United States has the largest Catholic population?
- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 - The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
 - The Archdiocese of Chicago
 - The Archdiocese of New York
55. What is the theological term used for the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at Mass?
- Transubstantiation
 - Sacramentalization
 - Consubstantiation
 - Transformation

56. To which religious order did Martin Luther belong before severing ties with the Catholic Church?
- Dominican
 - Augustinian
 - Franciscan
 - Jesuit
57. Which two states in the United States contain two archdioceses?
- California and New York
 - New York and Texas
 - Texas and Illinois
 - California and Texas
58. The following is the shortest verse in the bible?
- I thirst.
 - Jesus wept.
 - I am.
 - He died.
59. Place the following in proper order from least to most, according to liturgical importance:
- Optional memorial, feast, solemnity, memorial
 - Solemnity, feast, optional memorial, memorial
 - Optional memorial, memorial, feast, solemnity
 - Feast, optional memorial, solemnity, memorial
60. Which of the following states contains the most Catholic Spanish Colonial missions?
- Texas
 - New Mexico
 - California
 - Arizona
61. Who are ineligible and may not serve as godparents for a baptism?
- Priests
 - The parents of the person being baptized
 - Unmarried individuals
 - The grandparents of the person being baptized
62. According to canon law, the oldest a man can be, before he is considered ineligible to be ordained a priest?
- 55
 - 65
 - 75
 - The Catholic Church does not have an age limit
63. Which of the following Catholic religious community is the largest in the world, in terms of membership?
- The Franciscans
 - The Jesuits
 - The Dominicans
 - The Oblates of Mary Immaculate

64. Who was the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence?
- John Hancock
 - Charles Carroll
 - John Carroll
 - Samuel Adams
65. What is the first and oldest diocese in the United States?
- The Archdiocese of New York City
 - The Archdiocese of Baltimore
 - The Archdiocese of Boston
 - The Archdiocese of San Antonio
66. The Shroud believed to be the burial cloth of Christ is it located in _____.
- Vatican City
 - Rome, Italy
 - Turin, Italy
 - Paris, France
67. The first Catholic to be nominated by a major political party for the presidency of the United States was _____.
- John F. Kennedy
 - Edmund Muskie
 - John Kerry
 - Al Smith
68. Who was the first bishop appointed in the United States?
- Bishop John Connolly
 - Bishop Michael Francis Eagan
 - Bishop John Carroll
 - Bishop Leonard Neale
69. In proclaiming the Word of God during Mass, the Catholic Church uses the following?
- A two year cycle of readings of A and B for Sunday Mass and Year 1, 2 and 3 for weekday Mass.
 - A three year cycle of readings of A, B and C for Sunday Mass and Years 1 and 2 for weekday Mass.
 - A four year cycle of readings A, B, C and D for Sunday Mass and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 for weekday Mass.
 - A one year cycle for Sunday Mass and a one year cycle for weekday Mass.
70. The following is the smallest, most highly populated country in the world?
- Monaco
 - Vatican City
 - Malta
 - Liechtenstein

71. Unless the pope dispenses from the established regulations, how many miracles must be attributed to a person before he or she can be canonized a saint?
- Three
 - Four
 - Two
 - One
72. Marriage is best described by the Church as:
- An ecclesiastical bond
 - A covenant
 - A contract
 - A law
73. The following would be considered a legitimate excuse to not attend Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Personal illness
 - Inability to locate a Catholic Church
 - The need to care for someone who is ill
 - All the above
74. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest offers the penitent _____.
- Condemnation
 - Commendation
 - A blessing
 - Absolution
75. According to Church teaching, which of the following is the gateway to all of the sacraments?
- Eucharist
 - Anointing of the Sick
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
76. Who was not allowed to enter the Promised Land due to his lack of trust in God?
- Abraham
 - Moses
 - Aaron
 - Isaac
77. Who was not present in the Upper Room when Jesus appeared to his apostles?
- Peter
 - Thomas
 - Andrew
 - John
78. Holy cards and statues often depict St. Joseph holding a _____.
- Rose
 - Lily
 - Iris
 - Bethlehem star

79. During the Easter Season, the Paschal candle is placed _____.
- Next to the altar
 - Next to the ambo/lectern
 - In the narthex of the church
 - Next to the Presider's chair
80. What is the wording located on the image of the Divine Mercy?
- Jesus I Need You
 - Jesus Have Mercy on Us
 - Jesus I trust in You
 - There is no wording on the image
81. What are the ages in which Catholics are obliged to fast?
- 7-80
 - 18 to 59
 - 21-75
 - All ages
82. If a person is enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (the R.C.I.A.), but has not yet been baptized or made a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, this person is entitled to the following?
- Should he or she die, to be buried by the Church with a Funeral Mass.
 - To be allowed to receive Holy Communion on Good Friday.
 - To enter the seminary.
 - To be appointed as a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
83. Where is the world's smallest Catholic Church located?
- St. Paul Catholic Church in Turin, Italy
 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Albany, New York
 - San Miguel Catholic Church in Jalisco, Mexico
 - St. Martin Catholic Church between Round Top, Texas and Warrenton, Texas
84. What part of a priest's body is anointed with the Oil of Chrism, after he is ordained?
- His head
 - His feet
 - His hands
 - His forehead
85. According to canon law, a Catholic wanting to serve as a godparent, at a baptism, must be at least what age?
- 14
 - 16
 - 18
 - 21
86. Which is NOT a type of religious rule, which regulates monastic communities?
- The Rule of St. Benedict
 - The Rule of St. Basil
 - The Rule of St. Andrew
 - The Rule of St. Augustine

87. According to canon law, which of the following can a priest NOT do?
- Serve as president of a Catholic hospital.
 - Run for and serve in public office.
 - Serve as president of a Catholic university.
 - Serve as principal of a Catholic school.
88. The word "monk" derives from the Greek word "monos" meaning:
- Communal
 - Alone
 - Silence
 - Perpetual
89. Which of the following sacraments is NEVER recorded in a parish sacramental register?
- The Sacrament of Baptism
 - The Sacrament of Confirmation
 - The Sacrament of Penance
 - The Sacrament of the Eucharist
90. What Christian symbol does a bishop often use in front of his name or initials?
- Anchor
 - Cross
 - Fish
 - Alpha & Omega
91. Which of the following saints was known as "The Little Flower of Jesus?"
- St. Theresa of Avila
 - St. Joan of Arc
 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 - St. Therese of Lisieux
92. From which of the following countries did St. Joan of Arc originate?
- France
 - Spain
 - Germany
 - England
93. Which of the following is the shortest book in the New Testament?
- Jonah
 - 3 John
 - Titus
 - Philemon
94. Which of the following is the shortest gospel?
- Mark
 - John
 - Matthew
 - Luke

95. Which of the following has the most chapters of the four gospels?

- a. Luke
- b. John
- c. Mark
- d. Matthew

96. What is the official name for a leader in a monastic community?

- a. Superior
- b. Abbot
- c. Prior
- d. Monk

97. Which Catholic institution of higher learning did the United States Catholic Bishops found?

- a. Boston College
- b. The Catholic University of America
- c. St. Mary's University
- d. Franciscan University

98. Over what is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, located in Jerusalem, believed to be built?

- a. The place of Jesus' crucifixion
- b. The place of Jesus' ascension
- c. The place of Jesus' burial
- d. a and c

99. Members of religious communities profess the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. To whom does the religious man or woman vow obedience?

- a. To God
- b. To a bishop
- c. To the religious superior appointed or elected by the particular religious community
- d. To the pope

Answers

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| 1. c | 35. c | 69. b |
| 2. b | 36. b | 70. b |
| 3. c | 37. b | 71. c |
| 4. c | 38. b | 72. b |
| 5. b | 39. a | 73. d |
| 6. b | 40. b | 74. d |
| 7. b | 41. d | 75. c |
| 8. c | 42. b | 76. b |
| 9. a | 43. b | 77. b |
| 10. c | 44. b | 78. b |
| 11. b | 45. b | 79. b |
| 12. b | 46. c | 80. c |
| 13. a | 47. b | 81. b |
| 14. c | 48. b | 82. a |
| 15. b | 49. d | 83. d |
| 16. a | 50. b | 84. c |
| 17. b | 51. b | 85. b |
| 18. d | 52. c | 86. c |
| 19. c | 53. d | 87. b |
| 20. c | 54. a | 88. b |
| 21. c | 55. a | 89. c |
| 22. c | 56. b | 90. b |
| 23. b | 57. d | 91. d |
| 24. b | 58. b | 92. a |
| 25. a | 59. c | 93. b |
| 26. c | 60. c | 94. a |
| 27. d | 61. b | 95. d |
| 28. d | 62. d | 96. b |
| 29. c | 63. a | 97. b |
| 30. c | 64. b | 98. d |
| 31. b | 65. b | 99. c |
| 32. d | 66. c | |
| 33. b | 67. d | |
| 34. d | 68. c | |

Additional information:

We recommend using the following resources for further information pertaining to these questions.

www.usccb.org

www.catholic.org

www.franciscanmedia.org

www.osv.com