

CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL QUESTIONS
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1. The Church exists in order to _____.
- a) evangelize.
 - b) carry the Good News to all humanity.
 - c) renew the hearts of all people.
 - d) all three above.

Answer – D) “The Church ‘exists in order to evangelize’ that is “the carrying forth of the Good News to every sector of the Human race so that by its strength it may enter into the hearts of men and renew the human race.” **#46 General Directory for Catechesis**

2. _____ means to bring the Good News to all levels of humanity and influence humanity’s transformation from within and making it new.
- a) To evangelize
 - b) To teach
 - c) Fasting
 - d) Praying

Answer – A) “For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new.” **#18 Evangelii nuntiandi**

3. The purpose of evangelization is to:
- a) proclaim Christ to those who do not know Him.
 - b) preach and catechize.
 - c) confer Baptism and the other sacraments.
 - d) bring about interior change.

Answer – D) “The purpose of evangelization is therefore precisely this interior change, ... expressed in one sentence ... the Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert, solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims, both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, and the lives and concrete milieu which are theirs.” **# 18 Evangelii nuntiandi, Pope Paul VI**

4. To proclaim, witness, teach, celebrate sacraments, and love our neighbor are all essential elements of _____.
- a) evangelization
 - b) CCD
 - c) the Church
 - d) none of the above

Answer - A) “Proclamation, witness, teaching, sacraments, love of neighbor: all of these aspects are the means by which the one Gospel is transmitted and they constitute the essential elements of evangelization itself.” **#46 General Directory for Catechesis**

5. To grow in the Christian life while being evangelized, those who are already disciples of Jesus Christ must be _____.
- a) ordained ministers
 - b) constantly nourished by the word of God
 - c) members of the Catholic Church
 - d) experiencing a comfortable life

Answer – B) “There is no true evangelization if the name, ... , are not proclaimed. Those who are already disciples of Jesus Christ also require to be constantly nourished by the word of God so that they may grow in their Christian life.” **#50 General Directory for Catechesis**

6. The aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch with, but also
- a) to learn about Jesus Christ.
 - b) to be sorry for our sinfulness.
 - c) in communion with Jesus Christ.
 - d) to be members of the Catholic Church.

Answer – C) “The primary and essential object of catechesis is... ‘the mystery of Christ’[...] the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ:...” **#5 Catechesi Tradendae**

7. The process of evangelization is structured in moments of
- a) missionary activity directed to non-believers.
 - b) initial proclamation of the Gospel.
 - c) catechesis of those who need to complete their initiation.
 - d) all of the above.

Answer – D) “The process of evangelization..is structured in stages or ‘essential moments’: missionary activity directed toward nonbelievers...initial catechetical activity...for those who need to complete or modify their initiation...” **#49 General Catechetical Directory**

8. The essential content of evangelization which may not be modified or ignored is
- a) witnessing to the Father’s love.
 - b) that salvation is offered to all in Jesus Christ.
 - c) preaching hope in God and stating our rights and duties.
 - d) all of the above.

Answer – D) ...There is the essential content, ..., which cannot be modified or ignored without seriously diluting the nature of evangelization itself. Witness given to the Father's love, At the center of the message: salvation in Jesus Christ, Under the sign of hope, Message touching life as a whole. **# 25 – 29, Evangelii nuntiandi**

9. Every form of catechesis is directed in some way to the catechesis of
- a) children
 - b) converts
 - c) adults
 - d) non-believers

Answer – C) “While catechesis seeks to enrich the faith life of people at every stage of their development, every form of catechesis is oriented in some way to the catechesis of adults who are capable of a full response to God's word.” **#19 E National Directory for Catechesis**

10. Of primary importance in evangelization and catechesis is the proclamation of the Gospel by _____.
- a) the priest
 - b) the teacher
 - c) witnessing
 - d) the educated person

Answer – C) “Above all, the Gospel must be proclaimed by witness. [...] All Christians are called to this witness, and in this way they can be real evangelizers.” **#21 Evangelii nuntiandi**

11. The Church would not be missionary and would lose her identity if _____ were neglected.
- a) education of children
 - b) evangelization
 - c) preaching
 - d) foreign activity

Answer – B) “Evangelization is so central to the life of the Church that, should she neglect here sacred responsibility of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all of humanity, she would be faithful neither to the mission entrusted to her [...] nor to her identity as mother and teacher.” **#22 National Directory for Catechesis**

12. Central to the Church's mission to evangelize is _____.
- a) catechesis
 - b) foreign activity
 - c) children's faith formation
 - d) educating people

Answer – A) Catechesis is so central to the Church’s mission of evangelization that if evangelization were to fail to integrate catechesis, initial faith aroused by the original proclamation of the Gospel would not mature [...] Catechesis nurtures the seed of faith sown by the Holy Spirit through the initial proclamation of the Gospel. **#22 National Directory for Catechesis**

13. While catechesis and evangelization integrate and complement each other, catechesis makes concrete the Church’s mission of _____.
- a) service
 - b) foreign activity
 - c) receiving deeper knowledge
 - d) evangelization

Answer – D) “Just as the mission of evangelization enlivens the Church’s pastoral and missionary activity, catechesis makes concrete her mission of evangelization.” **#22 National Directory for Catechesis**

14. At the heart of catechesis is the Christian message, which is centered on _____.
- a) how we live it
 - b) our personal thoughts and opinions
 - c) the Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - d) Jesus Christ

Answer – D) “The Christian message concentrates on the person of Jesus Christ. Above all, catechesis must transmit this centrality of Christ in the Gospel message. Catechesis that is centered on Christ presents Christ first and presents everything else with reference to him, for he is the center of the Gospel message.” **# 25 A National Directory for Catechesis**

15. In her overall mission to go and make disciples, every means the Church employs has a(n) _____ aspect.
- a) traditional
 - b) original
 - c) catechetical
 - d) affective

Answer – C) “Thus catechesis is a pivotal dimension of the Church’s pastoral activity and a significant element in all the Church does to hand on the faith. Every means that the Church employs in her overall mission to go and make disciples has a catechetical aspect.” **# 19 C National Directory for Catechesis**

16. In catechesis _____ strengthens the internal life as believing community and the external missionary activity.
- a) the Bible
 - b) the Church
 - c) the Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - d) the RCIA

Answer – B) “The more the Church, whether on the local or the universal level, give catechesis priority over other works and undertakings [...], the more she finds in catechesis a strengthening of her internal life as a community of believers and of her external activity as a missionary Church.” **#19 C National Directory for Catechesis**

17. _____ is the effort to make disciples, who believe that Jesus is the son of God, live life in his name, and build up the Church.
- a) Education
 - b) The Liturgy
 - c) The Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - d) Catechesis

Answer - D) “...the name of catechesis was given to the whole of the efforts within the Church to make disciples, to help people to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, so that believing they might have life in his name and to educate and instruct them in this life and thus build up the Body of Christ.” **#1 Catechesi Tradendae**

18. Faith involves a profound change of mind and heart called a _____.
- a) conversion
 - b) sacrifice
 - c) profession of faith
 - d) faith journey

Answer –A) “Faith involves a change of life, a ‘metanoia,’ that is a profound transformation of mind and heart: it causes the believer to live that conversion.” **#55 General Directory for Catechesis**

19. The profession of baptismal faith is _____ continuing conversion and spiritual _____ building destined to grow.
- a) the final point of
 - b) a part of a process of
 - c) a searching aspect of
 - d) a fulfilling aspect of

Answer – B) “The basic maturity which gives rise to the profession of faith is not the final point in the process of continuing conversion. The

profession of baptismal faith is but the foundation of a spiritual building which is destined to grow.” **#56 General Directory for Catechesis**

20. _____ follows initial catechesis and presupposes continuing conversion.
- a) On going faith formation
 - b) The RCIA
 - c) The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
 - d) Graduation

Answer – A) “Continuing or ongoing education in the faith follows upon basic education and presupposes it. [...] Initiatory catechesis lays the basis for the Christian life of the followers of Jesus. The process of continuing conversion goes beyond what is provided by basic catechesis.” **#69 General Directory for Catechesis**