

CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL QUESTIONS

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1. The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (Daughters of Charity) were co-founded by St. Vincent de Paul and _____.
- Blessed Mary of the Incarnation
 - St. Teresa of Los Andes
 - St. Louise de Marillac
 - St. Francis Cabrini

Answer C) After **St. Louise de Marillac's** husband died, she began to help Saint Vincent de Paul who worked with the poor and with neglected children. Soon four young women joined her in her work so with St. Vincent's help she wrote up a rule and founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (Daughters of Charity). Her sisters took care of poor children and worked in hospitals, orphanages, and other places of ministry for the poor. (www.catholic.org/saints)

2. The Christian Brothers Order was established by _____.
- St. John Baptist de La Salle
 - St. Nicholas Owen
 - St. Leonard Murialdo
St. John Bosco

Answer A) St. John Baptist de La Salle entered the seminary as a young man; however, he had to drop out to care for his younger brothers and sisters when his parents died. After they were old enough to take care of themselves, John re-entered the seminary and became a priest. He established the Christian Brothers to provide education for boys and used most of his own money to help the poor. (www.catholic.org/saints)

3. The Pope from Poland who emphasized that every person is called to holiness was _____.
- Pope Benedict XVI
 - Pope John XXIII
 - Pope John Paul I
 - Pope John Paul II

Answer D) **St. John Paul II** from Poland served the Church as Pope for nearly 27 years before his death in 2005. He was a great spiritual world leader and helped overcome communism in Eastern Europe. He reached out to the Jews, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and other Christian groups.

He emphasized that every person is called to holiness; and as examples, he beatified 1340 people and canonized 483 saints. .
(www.catholic.org/saints)

4. In the early Church, a well-to-do Christian noble woman who was imprisoned and executed with her whole household was _____.
- Saint Perpetua
 - Saint Martha
 - Saint Rose of Lima
 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Answer A) Saints Perpetua and Felicity knew that since they were Christians in the early Church they could be tortured and executed. Saint Perpetua was a well-to-do noble woman and Saint Felicity was a slave. Their household was arrested and imprisoned for refusing to renounce their Christian faith. Then they were sent to the amphitheater where they were beheaded or killed by wild animals for the amusement of spectators. (www.catholic.org/saints)

5. Of the following, the one who studied art and became a Franciscan Friar was _____.
- Blessed Claudio Granzotto
 - Blessed Claude La Colombiere
 - Blessed Clemente Marchisio
 - Blessed Clement Sheptytsky

Answer A) Hard work in the fields and the death of his father, when he was only nine, taught Blessed Claudio Granzotto, the youngest of nine children, suffering. At the age of 15 he was drafted into the Italian army. Afterward, since he had artistic talent, he studied art before he became a Franciscan Friar where he spent his life in prayer, charity to the poor, and religious art. He died in 1949 from a brain tumor at the age of 49. He was beatified in 1994. (www.catholic.org/saints)

6. The patron of expectant mothers is _____.
- St. Gerard de Lunel
 - St. Gerard Majella
 - St. Gerard Sagredo
 - St. Gerard of Brogne

Answer B) St. Gerard Majella is the patron of expectant mothers. He was born in 1726 in Muro, Italy to a family of seven. He grew up in poverty with a great respect for the poor. St. Gerard Majella died of tuberculosis on October 16, 1755 at the age of 29, after living in the religious life for six years. On December 11, 1904, Pope Pius X canonized him. (www.catholic.org/saints)

7. _____ died at an early age and is a model for children.

- a. St. John Bosco
- b. St. Casimir
- c. St. Dominic Savio
- d. St. Turribius

Answer C) Saint Dominic Savio's short life was a constant journey toward God. In school he loved all his classmates and prayed for them and tried to keep them faithful to God. When Dominic was 15, he got sick at school and was sent home. He grew worse and was given the Sacrament of the Sick. Then just before he died, his face lit up and he told his father, "Goodbye, I am seeing such wonderful things. (www.catholic.org/saints)

8. _____ was executed in 1866 for helping Catholics escape during persecution.

- a. St. Mark Chong
- b. St. Nicholas Owen St.
- c. St. Leonard Murialdo
- d. St. John Bosco

Answer A) St. Mark Chong Lu-bai of Korea was born into a noble family in 1794. He became a catechist and helped to take care of the poor. During a persecution, he helped other Catholics to escape, but he was caught, tortured and beheaded in 1866. (www.catholic.org/saints)

9. _____ was a Catholic Bishop who cared for the wounded, sick, and dying in Mexico's 1910-20 Revolution.

- a. St. Filippo Smaldone
- b. St. Rafael Guizar Valencia
- c. Bl. Filip Geryluk

d. St. Joseph Calasanctius

Answer B) Saint Rafael Guízar Valencia was a Catholic bishop who, often disguised as a street vender or musician, cared for the wounded, sick, and dying in Mexico's 1910-20 Revolution. He was also a Knight of Columbus. He was canonized in 2006. (www.catholic.org/saints)

10. _____ is known for his work with the deaf.

- a. Bl. Filip Geryluk
- b. St. Joseph Calasanctius
- c. St. Filippo Smaldone
- d. St. Augustine of Hippo

Answer C) Father Filippo Smaldone founded the Salesian Sisters of the Sacred Hearts and is known for his teaching and assisting the deaf. He died in 1923 and was canonized in 2006. (www.catholic.org/saints)

11. _____ is the patron saint of brewers.

- a. Filip Geryluk
- b. St. Joseph Calasanctius
- c. St. Filippo Smaldone
- d. St. Augustine of Hippo

Answer D) St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of parties, entertainment, and wicked living. His mother St. Monica prayed for his conversion. He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. (www.catholic.org/saints)

12. _____ was an advocate for the education of girls in Italy.

- a. Bl. Rose Venerini
- b. St. Rosalie du Verdier de la Soriniere
- c. St. Rose of Lima
- d. Bl. Rose Chretien

Answer A) Bl. Rose Venerini became an advocate for education for girls. Rose organized a number of schools in various places, sometimes

in the face of opposition that resorted to force in unbelievable fashion - the teachers were shot at with bows and their house set on fire. After her death Rose's lay school teachers were organized as a religious congregation. They are found in America as well as in Italy, for the Venerini Sisters have worked among Italian immigrants since early in the twentieth century. (www.catholic.org/saints)

13. _____ founded the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana.
- a. St. Frances Cabrini
 - b. St. Elizabeth Seton
 - c. St. Theodore Guerin
 - d. St. Catherine Siena

Answer C) Saint Mother Theodore Guerin from Europe, founded the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She fulfilled her dream of providing a Christian education for the pioneer children in Indiana in spite of the objection of her Bishop. She was canonized in 2006. (www.catholic.org/saints)

14. _____ was a layman from Poland who encouraged others to hold their ground and protect the church before he was martyred.
- a. St. Filippo Smaldone
 - b. Bl. Filip Geryluk
 - c. St. Martin de Porres
 - d. Bl. Daniel Brottier

Answer B) Bl. Filip Geryluk was a layman and father from Poland. He was noted for encouraging the others to hold their ground and protect their church. He was martyred in 1874 and beatified by Pope John Paul II.

15. _____ was a Dominican lay brother who was noted for his work with the poor in Peru.
- a. St. Martin de Porres Velazquez
 - b. St. Filippo Smaldone
 - c. Bl. Filip Geryluk
 - d. Bl. Daniel Brottier

Answer A) Martin de Porres Velázquez, O.P. of Lima Peru, was a lay brother of the Dominican Order who was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. He is the patron saint of

mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, and all those seeking racial harmony. He was noted for work on behalf of the poor. (www.catholic.org/saints)

16. _____ founded the Missionaries of Charity “to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus... .”
- St. Frances Cabrini
 - St. Elizabeth Seton
 - St. Teresa of Calcutta
 - St. Catherine Siena

Answer C) Mother Teresa of Calcutta was born in 1910, in Macedonia: she entered the Loreto Convent in Dublin, Ireland and was sent to India to teach. On a train journey, Mother Teresa received what she termed the "call within a call," which was to found the Missionaries of Charity family of Sisters, Brothers, Fathers, and Co-Workers. Their mission was “to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and souls. The Missionaries of Charity expanded to many parts of the world. Mother Teresa died in 1997 and was canonized on September 4, 2016. (www.catholic.org/saints)

17. _____ was executed by the Nazi Party for doing religious activities in the hospital.
- Bl. Rose Chretien
 - Bl. Maria Restituta Kafka
 - St. Rosalie du Verdier de la Soriniere
 - St. Rose of Lima

Answer B) Blessed Maria Restituta Kafka worked in the operating room of a hospital in Vienna during World War II. The Nazi Party forbid religious activities in the hospital, but she continued to pray with the patients and secretly arranged for them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. She even put up crucifixes on the wall, so the Gestapo took her to prison in 1942 and after a year in prison, she was executed as an example. She was beatified in 1998. (www.catholic.org/saints)

18. Jacinta and her brother _____ had visions of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917.
- Antonio
 - Jose
 - Francisco
 - Raphael

Answer C) With their older cousin Lucia, Jacinta and **Francisco** Marto had a vision of Our Lady on the 13th of each month from May through October in 1917. Our Lady asked the children to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary “to obtain peace for the world.” They were also asked to pray for sinners and the conversion of the world. They died soon afterward. They were beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. (www.catholic.org/saints)

19. _____ is recognized as the patron saint of African-Americans.

- a. St. Bernard the Black
- b. St. Raymond the Black
- c. St. Francis the Black
- d. St. Benedict the Black

Answer D) St. Benedict the Black was born in 1526 and was raised as a slave in Sicily. However, when he was 18 years of age, he was set free and eventually became a Franciscan friar. Benedict held important posts with the Franciscan order and when he was elected leader, he had to be forced to accept the position. He was known for his kindness, his holiness and his ability to give spiritual guidance. St. Benedict was canonized in 1807 and he is recognized as a patron saint for African-Americans.

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20. _____ was an army chaplain in France during World War I who ministered to enemy soldiers as well as his own.

- a. Bl. Daniel Brottier
- b. Bl. Filip Geryluk
- c. St. Joseph Calasanctius
- d. St. Damien of Molokai

Answer A) Blessed Daniel Brottier became a priest in France in 1899 and then left his homeland as a missionary. However, his health failed and he had to return to France where he served as an army chaplain during World War I. He ministered to enemy soldiers as well as to his own, often risking his life and showing outstanding bravery. He died in 1936 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1984. (www.catholic.org/saints)