

# XI ANNUAL CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL

## QUESTIONS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH The Profession of Faith Chapter 2 & 3

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1. Whom did God use to establish a Covenant with the people of Israel on Mount Sinai?
  - A. Abraham
  - B. Noah
  - C. Moses
  - D. Elijah

**Answer – C) Moses** “After the patriarchs, God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He established with them the covenant of Mount Sinai and, through Moses, gave them his law so that they would recognize him and serve him”  
**CCC 62**

2. Which of the following Holy Women kept alive the Hope of Israel’s salvation?
  - A. Rachel
  - B. Deborah
  - C. Esther
  - D. All of the above

**Answer – D) All of the Above** “Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts...Above all, the poor and humble of the Lord will bear this hope. Such holy women as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Judith and Esther kept alive the hope of Israel’s salvation.” **CCC 64**

3. The first covenant was offered to whom?
  - A. Abraham
  - B. Noah
  - C. Melchizedek
  - D. Adam

**Answer – D) Adam** “Beyond the witness to himself that God gives in created things, he manifested himself to our first parents, spoke to them and , after the fall, promised them salvation (cf Gen 3:15) and offered them his covenant”. **CCC 54-55-70**

4. The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God has been entrusted to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Fathers of the Church
  - B. Doctors of the Church
  - C. Bishops of the Church
  - D. The Pope Alone

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**Answer – C) Bishops of the Church** “The task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him.” **CCC100**

5. What is the Magisterium of the Church?
- A. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
  - B. Sacred Teaching Authority
  - C. All Religious Orders
  - D. None of the above.

**Answer – B) Sacred Teaching Authority** “By this appreciation of the faith, aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching authority (Magisterium)..receives...the faith, once for all delivered to the saints” **CCC 93**

6. What are the two senses of scripture?
- A. Literal and Spiritual
  - B. Historical and Factual
  - C. Mythical and Historical
  - D. None of the above

**Answer – A) Literal and Spiritual** “According to an ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two senses of Sacred Scripture, the literal and the spiritual, the latter being subdivided into the allegorical, moral, and anagogical senses” **CCC115**

7. How many New Testament books are in the Canon of Scripture?
- A. 45
  - B. 25
  - C. 27
  - D. 47

**Answer – C) 27** “It was by the apostolic Tradition that the Church discerned which writings are to be included in the list of sacred books. This complete list is called the canon of Scripture. It includes 46 books for the Old Testament and 27 for the New” **CCC 120**

8. Who is the central object of the New Testament?
- A. The Apostles
  - B. Jesus Christ
  - C. God the Father
  - D. The Holy Spirit

**Answer – B) Jesus Christ** “The Word of God...is set forth and displays its power in a most wonderful way in the writings of the New Testament, which hand on the ultimate truth of God’s Revelation. Their central object is Jesus Christ, God’s incarnate Son: his

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acts, teachings, Passion, and glorification and his Church's beginnings under the Spirit's guidance." **CCC 124**

9. Typology in Scripture deals with \_\_\_\_.
- A. Old Testament only
  - B. New Testament only
  - C. Both Old and New Testaments
  - D. The Pentateuch

**Answer – C) Both Old and New Testaments** “The Church, as early as apostolic times, and constantly in her Tradition, has illuminated the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments through typology. As an old saying put it, The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.” **CCC 128-129**

10. God is the author of Sacred Scripture because
- A. God inspired its human authors
  - B. God dictated every word
  - C. God instructed the apostles to write everything
  - D. None of the above.

**Answer – A) God inspired its human authors** “God is the author of Sacred Scripture because he inspired its human authors, he acts in them and by means of them.” **CCC 136**

11. Who is the most perfect embodiment of “The Obedience of Faith”?
- A. Abraham
  - B. Moses
  - C. Virgin Mary
  - D. Mary Magdalene

**Answer – C) Virgin Mary** “To obey in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment. **CCC 144**

12. Which New Testament letter lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith?
- A. Romans
  - B. Corinthians
  - C. Hebrews
  - D. Galatians

**Answer – C) Hebrews** “The Letter to Hebrews, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go.” **CCC 145**

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13. Which saint wrote: "I believe, in order to understand and I understand, the better to believe"?

- A. St. Thomas Aquinas
- B. St. Augustine
- C. St. Francis
- D. St. Paul

**Answer – B) St. Augustine** "The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by his gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood. In the words of St Augustine, "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe."  
**CCC 158**

14. The statement: "We walk by faith, not by sight" is found in:

- A. Corinthians
- B. Romans
- C. Colossians
- D. Ephesians

**Answer – A) Corinthians** "Now, however, we walk by faith, not by sight: we perceive God as in a mirror, dimly and only in part. Even though enlightened by him in whom it believes, faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test." **CCC 164**  
**(footnote 49...2 Corinthians 5:7)**

15. What is the response to the question the minister of Baptism asks the Catechumen "What do you ask of God's church"?

- A. Faith
- B. Hope
- C. Charity
- D. Grace

**Answer – A) Faith** "It is through the Church that we receive faith and new life in Christ by Baptism. In the Rituale Romanum, the minister of Baptism asks the catechumen : What do you ask of God's Church? And the answer is: Faith. What does Faith offer you? Eternal life." **CCC 168**

16. Who was given the name that means "The Father of a Multitude of Nations"?

- A. Moses
- B. Abraham
- C. Noah
- D. Adam

**Answer – B) Abraham** "In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram from his country, his kindred, and his father's house and makes him Abraham, that is, the father of a multitude of nations. In you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed." **CCC 59**

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17. Which two books in the Old Testament are sometimes counted as one?
- A. Jeremiah and Lamentations
  - B. Wisdom and Sirach
  - C. Jonah and Micah
  - D. Judith and Esther

**Answer – A) Jeremiah and Lamentations** “This complete list is called the canon of Scripture. It includes 46 books for the Old Testament (45 if we count Jeremiah and Lamentations as one) and 27 for the New.” **CCC 120**

18. Which church council indicated three criteria for interpreting scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it?
- A. Council of Trent
  - B. First Vatican Council
  - C. Second Vatican Council
  - D. Council of Nicaea

**Answer – C) Second Vatican Council** “The Second Vatican Council indicates three criteria for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it. 1. Be especially attentive to the content and unity of the whole Scripture..... 2. Read the Scripture within the living Tradition of the whole Church...3. Be attentive to the analogy of faith. **CCC 111, 112 113 114**

19. “The Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth” is a description attributed to?
- A. The Bible
  - B. The Church
  - C. The catechism
  - D. The Scribes

**Answer – B) The Church** “The Church, the pillar and bulwark of the truth, faithfully guards the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. She guards the memory of Christ’s words it is she who from generation to generation hands on the apostles’ confession of faith” **CCC 171**

20. God entered into a covenant with Noah...
- A. Before Abraham
  - B. After Abraham
  - C. After Moses
  - D. Did not enter into a covenant with Noah

**Answer - A.) Before Abraham** (Noah lived before Abraham) “Scripture thus expresses the height of sanctity that can be reached by those who live according the covenant of Noah, waiting for Christ to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram from his country, his kindred, and his father’s house, and makes him Abraham..... “ **CCC 58-59**