

**THE BODY OF CHRIST – THE CHURCH**

**DUE: 4/5/10**

Below are some questions that have something to do with Catholic knowledge. While none of these will contribute to your eternal salvation, they will provide some valuable insight to your Catholic faith. You & your sponsor will need to do some research together; the internet, parish staff or clergy are great resources.

What do the following people have in common: Leonardo da Vinci, Al Capone, Bill Murray, Jim Caviezel, George Carlin, Mike Piazza, Mussolini, John F. Kennedy, Babe Ruth, John Wayne, Tony Blair, Martin Sheen, Dorothy Day, John Mc Enroe, and J. R. R. Tolkien?

How many Catholics are there in the world? & what percentage of World?

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What is the name of your archdiocesan bishop? & what's archdiocese?

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What is the name of the man who was pope when you were born? What is something you have in common with him (look at what he liked to do as a youth)?

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How many Doctors of the Church are there? What & who are they?

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What is a habit (not behavioral)?

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What is a sacramental? Name some: \_\_\_\_\_

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How many holy days of obligation are observed in this country? What are they?

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What in the world do you do with a cincture?

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Where would you go to find an epiclesis or an anamnesis?

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What is a Monstrance?

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What is a thurible?

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What is a Council (Like Vatican II)? How many have there been? Why are they convened?

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Name the Apostles (including Judas' replacement):

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Define Monastic Life? Is it possible for you to live that out now? Why/Why Not? (Min. 3 Sentences)

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How many stations of the cross are there?

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Who was the first Martyr (See Acts)? Name a present day Martyr? What does the word Martyr mean?

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## KNOWING CHRIST & HIS CHURCH

Reading the following passages: John 15: 1-5, John 6: 32-35, John 8: 12, John 10: 11-15, Ephesians 2: 19-21.

What does Jesus offer in a relationship between Him and you (& all humanity)? Explain? (Min. 5 Sen.)

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*Read the following passages from the Catechism & Answer the following questions*

**CCC 777** The word "Church" means "convocation." It designates the assembly of those whom God's Word "convokes," i.e., gathers together to form the People of God, and who themselves, nourished with the Body of Christ, become the Body of Christ.

**CCC 756** "Often, too, the Church is called the building of God. The Lord compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the corner-stone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles and from it the Church receives solidity and unity. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which his family dwells; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling-place of God among men; and, especially, the holy temple. This temple, symbolized in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. As living stones we here on earth are built into it. It is this holy city that is seen by John as it comes down out of heaven from God when the world is made anew, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

**CCC 780** The Church in this world is the sacrament of salvation, the sign and the instrument of the communion of God and men.

What & Who is the Church? (Min. 4 Sentences)

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Why did Christ establish the Church? (Min. 4 Sentences)

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Understanding the church better, what does being fully initiated into the Church (by Confirmation mean) to you? How will you live your life different as a member of the body of Christ? (Min. 4 Sen.)

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## THE LOCAL CHURCH, THE PARISH

Having reflected on the universal (aka catholic) church, examine our local church, the parish. You may need to interview your parish priest or look on the parish website.

Does your parish have a mission statement? What is it?

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Who is the president of the parish council? & what is the Council's role?

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How is Faith Formation structured in your parish? Who is in charge of each of the areas (including infants, grade school, Jr. High, H.S., Young adult, Adult, and Seniors)?

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Through the local church, parishioners (members of the body of Christ) worship God & love their neighbor by giving of their time, talent & treasure. How can you worship God & Love your neighbor in this way? (Min 3 Sentences)

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What are some of the service ministries that are currently running in your parish? (List 3)

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Who plans worship/liturgy for your parish? How does this planning take place? Explain

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What is the process for being Baptized in your parish? For getting Married? For Parish Membership?

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What does the parish do to keep youth/teens involved in the life of the Church?

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**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Sign Of The Cross

Sponsor:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Together:

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord,

Sponsor: As we are called to work together as a community, take some time to reflect on how you can help your parish to bring others into greater union with Christ. (PAUSE)

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: He will take me places I really don't want to go.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: He will ask me to care less about stuff and more about people.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: He will ask me to do what is right and not what is popular.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: He will ask me to reach out to people whom no one else really cares about.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: He will ask me to be the first one to stand against violence.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: He will call me to forgive unconditionally.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: He will ask me to be last so that another's can be first.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: I will have to learn to see with my heart and not just my eyes.

Sponsor Read: If I follow Jesus...

Candidate Read: I will not be the same.

Together: Help us to have the courage to follow you on our journey.

Close with the sign of the cross

*Preparation for next meeting: Set Date & Time*

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