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Some Facts from Church History

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- T F 1. The Roman Catholic Church was founded in 313 AD by the Roman Emperor Constantine.
- T F 2. The United Church of Canada is a union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist Churches in Canada.
- T F 3. The Eastern Orthodox Church was formed in 1054 because of the conflicting positions concerning the Papacy between the Bishop of Rome and the Bishop of Constantinople (*modern day Istanbul*).
- T F 4. The Catholic Church has both a celibate and a married clergy.
- T F 5. Queen Elizabeth II is called the 'Defender of the Faith'. This was a title granted to all monarchs of England in 1534 by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- T F 6. Jehovah Witnesses use quotes from the sayings of Jesus in the Gospel to support their belief that blood transfusions go contrary to God's Law.
- T F 7. The person who wrote the words to the popular hymn, "Amazing Grace" was once a slave trader.
- T F 8. In the early Christian Church only officially canonized individuals were recognized as Saints.
- T F 9. In 1962, Pope Pius XII convened the Second Vatican Council in order to update our understanding of the Church and to update the Liturgy.
- T F 10. The British Monarch is recognized by Anglicans as the visible head of the Church of England.
- T F 11. Like Catholics, members of the Orthodox Churches believe that Christ's Body and Blood are truly present in the Eucharist.
- T F 12. The Presbyterian Church of Scotland was founded by John Calvin in 1536.
- T F 13. Rome is the headquarters of the Catholic Church because Saints Peter and Paul were martyred in that city.
- T F 14. Ignatius of Loyola who eventually founded the Society of Jesus (*the Jesuits*) had been the governor of the Spanish Province of Castille.
- T F 15. Martin Luther, who founded the Lutheran Church was a Catholic priest.

## THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO OUR PARISH QUIZ

- 1 FALSE The Catholic Church which was first known as the "The Way" or, as the "Community of the Followers of Jesus" was founded by Christ before His death in 33 A.D. Then, in 313 A.D., when the Emperor Constantine declared Christianity, the State Religion of the Roman Empire, he renamed it, Roman Catholic Church, which literally means, 'Roman *Universal*' Church.
- 2 TRUE It was formed in Canada in 1925. Some groups of Presbyterians chose not to join so they continued to worship as Presbyterian congregations in Canada to this day.
- 3 TRUE This dispute eventually resulted in the first major split in the Christian Church (*Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox*) and continues to this day.
- 4 TRUE Ordained deacons are members of the clergy and the Roman Catholic Church now ordains married men to the Diaconate. Also, Eastern Rite Catholics ordain married men to the priesthood.
- 5 FALSE This title was first conferred on King Henry VIII by the Pope (Leo X), when England and its monarch were still part of the Catholic Church. It was given in recognition of Henry's defence of the Catholic Faith against the teachings of his contemporary German reformer, Martin Luther. Then, 17 years later, when King Henry himself decided to break with Rome and establish himself as head of the Church of England, this title was obviously revoked by the Pope. However, the Parliament of England shortly afterwards, once again conferred the same title on Henry VIII and his successors. Of course now, it referred to all English monarchs as 'Defenders of the Anglican Faith'.
- 6 FALSE Jehovah's Witnesses use quotes from the Old Testament, especially from the Book of Leviticus (Chapters 3, 17 and 19) where the Israelites are forbidden from eating anything with blood in it. They believe that this Old Testament prohibition can be extended to forbid blood transfusions, too.
- 7 TRUE It was written in 1772 by John Newton, a slave trade. While transporting slaves from Africa to America and during a storm on the Atlantic Ocean, he realized that what he was doing was terribly wrong and he changed his life completely, eventually becoming an ordained Methodist minister. He credited his conversion to God's, 'Amazing Grace'. The lyrics, "I once was lost but now am found" and "I once was blind but now I see", refer to his own wayward life and spiritual blindness before his conversion.

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- 8 FALSE In the early history of the Christian Church all baptized persons were called Saints or holy ones, *(because they were 'sanctified' or 'made holy' by the Sacrament of Baptism)*.
- 9 FALSE The Second Vatican Council was convened not by Pope Pius XII but by his successor, now a Saint, Pope John XXIII. A Council is an official gathering of all the Bishops of the world in one place to discuss Church policy. This Council, which officially ended in 1965 *(with breaks in between)* updated many aspects of the Catholic Church, including its Theology and Liturgy.
- 10 TRUE Since the time of Henry VIII, who named himself the supreme head of the Church in England once he left the Catholic Church in 1534, the reigning British Monarch has been recognized by Anglicans as the visible head of the Church of England .
- 11 TRUE Their belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is identical to our own Catholic beliefs and, like us, they also reserve the Eucharist in a Tabernacle in all Orthodox Churches.
- 12 FALSE John Calvin actually founded the Calvinist Church in Switzerland in 1536. It was John Knox, who, influenced by the teachings of Calvin, founded the Presbyterian Church *(also known as the Church of Scotland)* in 1560.
- 13 TRUE St. Peter's Basilica is built over the tomb of St. Peter who was martyred on those grounds. The current St. Paul's Basilica in Rome stands near the place where St. Paul was martyred by Nero, around the same time.
- 14 FALSE Ignatius of Loyola was indeed the founder of the Jesuit Order but he had not been the governor of Castille but was once a mercenary soldier who fought for the King and Queen of Spain. After he was wounded in battle, he realized there was more to life than fighting in physical battles for an earthly king. It was then that he decided to change his life around and become "a soldier for Christ", fighting spiritual battles for Christ, the King!
- 15 TRUE He was a German Catholic Priest who was a member of the Augustinian Order. However, when he refused to accept some of the teachings of Catholicism he was excommunicated by the Pope and his many followers were known as Reformers, Protestants or Lutherans.

