

'TEST YOUR FAITH ' QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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"OF POPES AND CARDINALS"

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1. "The Vatican " is an Italian City under the jurisdiction of the City of Rome.
2. St. Peter is buried under the central Papal altar in St. Peter's Basilica.
3. "Roman Pontiff", which is one of the Pope's titles literally means, "Roman Bridge Builder".
4. The Pope, who is sometimes called, the "Vicar of Christ", is always dressed in white, because Christ wore a white robe when He walked the earth.
5. When one is elected Pope, his new name is chosen by the Cardinals.
6. After St. Peter, the name, "Peter" has never been chosen as a Pope's name.
7. The name most frequently chosen by a Pope after his election, has been "Benedict", used 16 times.
8. Since the Pope is not only the "Holy Father" of the entire world but also the Bishop of Rome, it is his obligation to care for the Parishioners, Bishops, Diocesan Priests and Parish Churches of the Diocese of Rome.
9. The Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome is St. Peter's Basilica.
10. One little known title of the Pope is, "Servant of the servants of God".
11. "Cardinal" comes from a Greek word which means, a "Prince of the Church".
12. The "cardinal" bird is so named because its red colour, reminds us of the red garments worn by the Roman Cardinals.
13. Every Cardinal in the world is named the titular or symbolic pastor of a Parish in the city of Rome or its surrounding areas.
14. One is not ordained a Cardinal but is named and "created" "a Cardinal" only by the Pope.
15. After the age of 80, cardinals may still be elected Pope but they themselves are no longer eligible to vote for the new pope.

CORRECT ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

- 1. FALSE** Often called the "Vatican City State", Vatican City became an independent nation in 1929, with its own flag and national anthem. This is necessary in order for the Pope and the Church to be independent of national interests and politics when making decisions and when issuing moral statements about world affairs.
- 2. TRUE** The Emperor Constantine built the original St. Peter's Basilica over the tomb of St. Peter on this piece of land, that was once a Roman burial ground. This first Church was later demolished and the present Basilica was built in the exact same place in 1506. Today, one can still visit the crypt where St. Peter is buried, which is situated directly under the dome and the Papal altar of the Basilica.
- 3. TRUE** It was originally used as one of the titles of the Roman Emperor. He was called "Pontifex", in Latin (from the two other Latin words, "pons"(bridge) and "fex" (maker). Since the Tiber River runs through Rome, the Emperor built many bridges to connect both banks of the river. After the fall of the Roman Empire, it became customary to use this same title for the Pope, except in a spiritual sense, ... i. e., as the person whose principle role is to " build spiritual bridges " between God and His people.
- 4. FALSE** This may sound right but it isn't. Until 1566, the Popes wore red or violet like the other cardinals. In 1566, a member of the Dominican Order was elected Pope. Since the Dominican habit is white, he decided to keep wearing this white habit as Pope. He chose the name Pope Pius V. Since then, every Pope has worn a white cassock.
- 5. FALSE** It is chosen freely after his election by the Pope himself. Until 533, the Popes (except for Simon-Peter, of course) all kept their Baptismal names. Then, when one named "Mercurius" was elected in 533, he changed it to John II because he thought it was very inappropriate for a Pope to bear the name of a pagan god, Mercury. Since then all Popes have chosen a new name after their election. This may be for two possible reasons:
 - ~ a change of name in Biblical history often meant a change of role or ministry, and;
 - ~ Peter's name was also changed by Jesus from Simon to Peter before He designated him as leader of His Church.
- 6. TRUE** For the last two thousand years, no Pope has ever chosen the name, "Peter" after his election, probably out of reverence for the first Pope, St. Peter.
- 7. FALSE** In the history of the Church, the most popular choice of Papal names has been John. The last one to choose this name was Angelo Roncalli (John XXIII) who died in 1963. The other most popular names, in order of the times they were chosen, have been Benedict (16), Gregory (16), Clement (14), Leo (13), Innocent (13) and Pius (12). The name, "Francis" has so far only been chosen once!

8. **TRUE** Like every Diocesan Bishop, the Pope, as Bishop of Rome is also responsible for the spiritual wellbeing of all who live within His Diocese, including the establishment of new Parishes, the transfer of priests and the care for the poor and marginalized. He delegates much of this work to a Cardinal Vicar who acts in his place.
9. **FALSE** Although most are not aware of this, the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome is the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is situated near the Colosseum in the centre of Rome. However, most of the Pope's day to day work is done at St. Peter's Basilica and, until the leadership of Pope Francis, many Popes have traditionally resided in the Papal apartments which are adjacent to the Basilica and overlooking St. Peter's Square.
10. **TRUE** This "title", which is one in a list of many others, correctly identifies the Pope's primary Ministry which is to serve God's people, the Church.
11. **FALSE** The title , "cardinal" derives from the Latin word, "cardinalis" which means, "serving as a hinge". I suppose that it symbolically indicates that the Cardinals are just as important to the workings of Church government as hinges are to a door. In English, we use the same root word when we say, "that is precisely the cardinal point".
12. **TRUE** I'm not sure when the bird's name began to be used, but I do know that Church cardinals have worn red since they were first created at the beginning of the sixth century. So, I assume that the bird was named "cardinal" because of the colour identification with the red attire of Church cardinals.
13. **TRUE** This practice dates back to a time when only the clergy of Rome and the Pope's Roman advisors were given the title, "cardinal". Since the 12th century, and to this day, many Diocesan Archbishops outside of Rome and in far off parts of the world, are also given this honorary title for a variety of reasons known only to the Pope. To show the connection with the original tradition, all cardinals, regardless of where they live, are still symbolically assigned a Parish in or around Rome. Whenever they visit Rome, the cardinals also visit their "titular" Parish Church and continue to support it from afar.
14. **TRUE** There was a time in our history when not only clergymen but also laymen who were close advisers of the Pope were given the title, "cardinal". Since 1917, however, a cardinal must be an ordained priest or bishop and, since 1960, the person named must usually be or become an ordained bishop unless the Pope decides otherwise for a specific individual.
15. **TRUE** It was Pope Paul VI who, in 1970 decreed that all Cardinals who have reached the age of 80 can no longer vote for the new pope or even enter the Conclave (where he is elected). However, in theory, even cardinals over 80 can still be elected although they cannot be electors.