

'TEST YOUR FAITH ' QUIZ FOR ADULT

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"FAITH TEACHINGS AND SAINTS "

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- T F 1. The Church teaches that there are three divine Persons in God but only One God. This is why Catholicism is called a Trinitarian and not a Unitarian Faith.
- T F 2. Mary's title, "the Mother of God" means that she is just as important as God.
- T F 3. The "Immaculate Conception Feast" that we celebrate on December 8th reminds us that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- T F 4. Catholics are encouraged to venerate and not to adore the Virgin Mary.
- T F 5. We celebrate the feast of the Annunciation to Mary on March 25th, exactly nine months before the birth of Christ at Christmas.
- T F 6. Faithful practicing Catholics are obliged to believe in the Marian apparitions that took place in Lourdes in 1858 and Fatima in 1913.
- T F 7. All Saints' Day celebrated on November 1st each year honours all Saintly persons who have ever lived, whether officially recognized by the Church or not.
- T F 8. We pray to the Saints because we believe that they can perform miracles for us.
- T F 9. St. Anthony was a priest of the Franciscan Order who was born in Padova, Italy.
- T F 10. The world wide St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded as a Catholic organization to care for the poor, by St. Vincent de Paul in France.
- T F 11. St. Marguerite d'Youville was a French Canadian widow who founded the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, also known as, " the Grey Nuns" of Montreal.
- T F 12. The Patron Saints of the U.K. (of England /Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) are Saints George and David, Andrew and Patrick, respectively.
- T F 13. Laval University in Québec City is named after the very first Bishop of Québec.
- T F 14. St. Peter, the Apostle and Sts Pius X, John XXIII and John Paul II are four of a very few Popes who were canonized Saints. Most of the others were not too saintly.
- T F 15. Fr. Michael McGivney who will soon be declared a Saint by the Church was a young American priest who founded the Knights of Columbus.

CORRECT ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

- 1. TRUE** Together with most other Christian Faiths, Catholicism is known as a Trinitarian Faith because of this important doctrine of Faith that we profess (in the Creed). Unitarian Faiths like the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Unitarians believe that there is only one God and one Divine Person in God. They also believe in Jesus as the Saviour of the world but do not believe that He was God's Son and equal to the Father.
- 2. FALSE** This title is more about the divinity of Jesus than about the importance of Mary. What it means is that Mary is the Mother of Jesus who was both human (man) and divine (God). She carried God's Son (Who is also her Son) in her womb for nine months.
- 3. FALSE** This Feast on December 8th celebrates Mary's own conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. It reminds us of our Catholic belief that unlike us, Mary was conceived without Original Sin, hence 'Immaculate' or clean of sin. The conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit is celebrated in the Annunciation and is referred to as 'the Virgin Birth'. Of course once we understand the meaning of the Immaculate Conception, we can guess on which date the Church celebrates the birth of Mary, 9 months later, on September 8th.
- 4. TRUE** Adoration is reserved only to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Veneration is the respect and honour given to Mary and the Saints and to all other persons who merit it.
- 5. TRUE** This is one way of how the Church uses the yearly calendar to teach us some of our beliefs. It also makes it easier for us to recall specific important dates in Faith history.
- 6. FALSE** Although the Church has declared these two apparitions and some others, as being credible, Catholics are not obliged but only permitted to believe in their authenticity. However, many Catholics do believe that the apparitions were real.
- 7. TRUE** Many saintly persons who inspired us throughout life may never be officially recognized as Saints by the Church but we know that they were Saints in many ways. This is the day that the entire Church celebrates their quietly heroic and saintly lives.
- 8. FALSE** Catholics believe that only God can perform miracles. Catholic prayers to Mary and the Saints are words we address to them, asking them to join their prayers to ours in praising God or in petitioning for graces and miracles. Some would say that we are actually praying not to the Saints but to God through the Saints.
- 9. FALSE** Although many Churches in Italy and many churches for Italians all over the world are named after this great Saint, he was actually a Franciscan priest who was born not in Italy, but in Lisbon, Portugal. He is popular in Italy because most of his missionary work was done that country and because he is buried in the Italian City of Padova.

10. **FALSE** It was founded in France by a much lesser known person named Blessed Frédéric Ozanam who was a layman. He was a literary scholar and lawyer who attended the University of Paris. It was there in 1833 that he and his friends were moved by the words in the Letter of James which say, "Faith without good works is dead" (*James 2:26*). Since St. Vincent de Paul was recognized at that time as the Patron Saint of Christian charities, Blessed Frédéric named his newly founded charitable organization after St. Vincent and not after himself.
11. **TRUE** She was the first Canadian Saint who was actually born in Canada ... in 1701, in the Province of Québec. Throughout her life she experienced many tragic events. Her husband turned out to be a criminal and 4 of her 6 children died during her lifetime. These tragedies helped her to realize how important it is to help and support persons who experience much pain and suffering because of similar tragic events. Beginning with a few other women, she set out to financially and emotionally help widows and orphans in the streets of Montreal who had no means of support. This small group eventually became known as the Sisters of Charity, better known as, the "Grey Nuns".
12. **TRUE** In fact the flag of the U.K., the Union Jack, consists of three heraldic crosses superimposed on each other which represent three of these Saints: George (England), Andrew (Scotland) and Patrick (Northern Ireland).
The cross of St George is a red cross on a white ground.
The cross of St Andrew is a diagonal white cross on a blue ground.
The cross of St Patrick is a diagonal red cross on a white ground.
13. **TRUE** Saint Francois de Laval was born in France in 1623 and, at the age of 36, was appointed the first Bishop New France (Québec). As Bishop he founded the "Grand Séminaire" in Québec City, for the formation of future priests in 1668. The foundational roots of Laval University grew out of this Seminary and so, it was named in his honour.
14. **FALSE** After St. Peter, there have been 266 Popes throughout history, including Pope Francis. Of these, about 80 are recognized as Saints today which is about 30%. To me this seems more than "a very few". Some Popes (*but not most*) betrayed their calling and used the papacy to raise the fortunes of their families and themselves but these were only a few in relation to the total number. It should also be remembered that although a person is not officially declared a Saint by the Church does not necessarily mean or prove that he was evil and corrupt.
15. **TRUE** McGivney originally formed the group in the Parish to which he was assigned, in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. He realized that many families living in his Parish were impoverished because of the illness or death of the family breadwinner. In response to this situation, he formed a group of 24 men who were committed to both help strengthen the Faith of these parishioners and provide for their financial needs. The group eventually became known as the world-wide, Knights of Columbus.