

QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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ALL ABOUT OUR PATRON, SAINT PATRICK

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1. The name 'Patrick' comes from the Latin word. "patricius", which means:

- a. a Patrician, a Roman nobleman and ruler;
- b. a Patrician, an Irish Celtic leader
- c. a Patrician, a British aristocrat;
- d. a Patrician, a father

2. Our Patron Saint was born in:

- a. what is now, Ireland;
- b. what is now, Scotland;
- c. Gaul, which is now, France;
- d. Roman Britain.

3. Saint Patrick's father was:

- a. an English landowner;
- b. a Roman government official and an ordained deacon;
- c. a slave in Roman Britain;
- d. an English philosopher.

4. At the age of 16, Patrick, who was a baptized Christian,

- a. began his studies for the priesthood;
- b. was a very devout and prayerful Christian;
- c. was recognized as a leader among his friends;
- d. was captured by pirates and sold as a slave.

5. St. Patrick is recognized today as:

- a. the Saint of the marginalized;
- b. the Apostle of Ireland;
- c. the Patron Saint of lost causes;
- d. the Patron Saint of all bishops.

6. The Celtic Cross which we use today as a symbol of our Cathedral Parish:

- a. was an ancient version of the crucifixion which St. Patrick used;
- b. was first developed by St. Patrick out of a pagan symbol;
- c. was first used as a British version of the Cross of Christ;
- d. represents a French cross of the death and resurrection of Christ.

7. In Ireland, St. Patrick used a shamrock to explain:

- a. the ecology of the island;
- b. the danger of poisonous snakes in Ireland;
- c. how nature helps us to be devout;
- d. the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

8. One legend about St. Patrick is that:

- a. he chased the snakes out of Ireland;
- b. he was actually ordained a Catholic Bishop;
- c. he was not baptized until he was an adult;
- d. he feared being a missionary.



The Celtic Cross



9. History tells us that St. Patrick:

- a. was martyred by the Irish in 461;
- b. was killed by the Romans in Britain in 450;
- c. died in 461, of natural causes;
- d. lived to the age of 90.

10. Patrick's Feast day occurs every year on:

- a. March 17, the day of his birth;
- b. March 17, the day of his death;
- c. March 18;
- d. March 17, the day he became a Bishop.

11. In the Diocese of Thunder Bay, St. Patrick is honoured as:

- a. the primary Patron of Thunder Bay's Diocesan Bishop;
- b. the secondary Patron of our Cathedral and the primary Patron of our Diocese;
- c. the principle Patron of both our Cathedral and our Diocese;
- d. the principle Patron of our Cathedral and the secondary Patron of our Diocese.

12. In our Diocese of Thunder Bay,

- a. our Cathedral and two other Parishes are named after St. Patrick;
- b. our Cathedral and four other Parishes are named after St. Patrick;
- c. only our Cathedral is named after St. Patrick;
- d. our Cathedral and the Parish in Marathon are named after St. Patrick.

13. The traditional colour used to honour St. Patrick is:

- a. light green;
- b. bright orange and green;
- c. emerald green;
- d. violet.

CORRECT ANSWERS

1. a. This hints at the theory that Patrick may have had Roman and not Irish ancestry.

2. d. In the 5th century when Patrick lived, Great Britain was part of the Roman Empire.

3. b. His father, Calpurnius, was a lower official of the Roman colony in Britain and a deacon.

4. d. It was only after he was enslaved in Ireland did the 16 year old Patrick recognize the importance of his Christian faith. When he escaped he returned to his home in Britain, became a priest and a bishop and then returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel there.

5. b. "Apostle" means one who is sent. The Irish believe that God sent Patrick to convert the peoples of Ireland and so they call him "Apostle".

6. b. It was originally a pagan stone column with a rounded rock balanced on top, to represent the

sun or the moon, deities of the Celts and Druids. Patrick modified it to look like a cross.

7. d. It was Patrick's simple way of explaining the mystery of three Persons in one God.

8. a. It is probably a legend. The snakes were more likely meant to symbolize evil, which Patrick sought to destroy in Ireland.

9. c. He died a natural death in Ireland.

10. b. The day of his death in this world and the day of his birth into eternal life.

11. d. Our Lady of Charity is the principle Patron of our Diocese with St. Patrick as the secondary Patron. He is our Cathedral's principle Patron.

12. a. The Cathedral, the Parish in Atikokan and the Parish in Emo are named after him.

13. c. Ireland is also named, "the Emerald Isle".