

CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL QUESTIONS

Topic: Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part I Article 9 – *I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church~*

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1. Who gives the college of bishops their authority?

- a. Jesus
- b. The Pope
- c. Cardinals
- d. No one – they have authority already by virtue of their ordination

Answer – B) The college or body of bishops has no authority unless united with the Roman Pontiff, Peter’s successor, as its head... This authority cannot be exercised without the agreement of the Roman Pontiff [the Pope].” **CCC 883**

2. Where did the Israelites receive the Law?

- a. Mount Tabor
- b. Mount Sinai
- c. Egypt
- d. Jerusalem

Answer - B) Mount Sinai “*Ekklesia* is used frequently in the Greek Old Testament for the assembly of the Chosen People before God, above all for their assembly on Mount Sinai where Israel received the Law and was established by God and his holy people. **CCC 751**

3. Who is the Head of the Twelve Apostles?

- a. Peter
- b. James
- c. John
- e. Paul

Answer – A) “When Christ instituted the Twelve, he constituted them in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter, chosen from among them.” **CCC 880**

4. How does one become a member of God’s people?

- a. Faith in Christ alone
- b. Faith in Christ and Baptism
- c. Faith in Christ and Confirmation
- d. By Baptism and Confirmation

Answer – B) One becomes a member of this people not by a physical birth, but by being “born anew,” a birth “of water and the Spirit,” that is by faith in Christ, and Baptism.” **CCC 782**

5. Who are the successors of the Apostles?

- a. Bishops
- b. Priests
- c. Deacons
- d. Laity

Answer –A) “Hence the Church teaches that the bishops have by divine institution taken place of the apostles as pastors of the Church.” **CCC 862**

6. Who is the successor of St. Peter?

- a. The Pope
- b. The Bishops
- c. The Priests
- d. No one

Answer – A) “The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter’s successor, is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful.” **CCC 882**

7. Which sacrament is considered the “gate” by which we enter the Church?

- a. Reconciliation
- b. Eucharist
- c. Confirmation
- d. Baptism

Answer – D) “All the sacraments are sacred links uniting the faithful with one another and binding them to Jesus Christ, and above all Baptism, the gate by which we enter into the Church.” **CCC 950**

8. In the widest sense, what does the word “church” mean?

- a. The universal community of believers
- b. The liturgical assembly
- c. The local community
- d. All the above

Answer – D) The word “church” designates liturgical assembly, but also the local community or the whole universal community of believers. These three meanings are inseparable. “The Church” is the People that God gathers in the whole world. She exists in local communities and is made real as a liturgical, above all a Eucharistic, assembly.” **CCC 752**

9. Who is the Church’s highest model of faith and charity?

- a. St. Joseph
- b. The Blessed Mother
- c. John the Baptist

d. St. Paul

Answer – B) “By her complete adherence to the Father’s will, to his Son’s redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church’s model of faith and charity.” **CCC 967**

10. What is the name of the feast day celebrating when Mary gave her consent to God?
- The Immaculate Conception
 - The Visitation
 - The Annunciation
 - There is no feast day

Answer – C) “By pronouncing her “fiat” (yes) at the Annunciation and giving her consent to the Incarnation, Mary was already collaborating with the whole work her Son was to accomplish. **CCC 973**

11. Mary’s role in the Church flows from and is inseparable from _____.
- Her wisdom
 - Her fasting
 - Her goodness
 - Her union with Christ

Answer – D) “Mary’s role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. ‘This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ’s virginal conception up to his death’....” **CCC 964**

12. What is the name of the feast day celebrating Mary’s entrance into heaven?
- The Annunciation
 - The Ascension
 - The Assumption
 - There is no feast day

Answer – C) “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory... The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Sons’ Resurrection...” **CCC 966**

13. The first responsibility of the bishop is _____.
- To confirm
 - To visit all parishes in his diocese
 - To meet with his priests
 - To preach the gospel

Answer – D) Bishops have as their first task to preach the Gospel of God to all men in keeping with the Lord’s command.” **CCC 888**

14. How does the People of God share in Christ's prophetic ministry?
- a. Becoming Christ's witness in the world
 - b. Foretelling future events
 - c. Reading the Bible
 - d. Studying the faith

Answer – A) “The holy People of God shares also in Christ's *prophetic* office... when it unflinchingly adheres to this faith and when it deepens its understanding and becomes Christ's witnesses in the midst of this world.” **CCC 785**

15. Who was the first person God used to begin gathering together the People of God?
- a. Adam
 - b. Noah
 - c. Abraham
 - d. Moses

Answer – C) “The remote preparation for this gathering together of the People of God begins when he calls Abraham and promises that he will become the father of a great people.” **CCC 762**

16. What did the Twelve Apostles symbolize?
- a. Twelve Old Testament Prophets
 - b. The Twelve great priests in the Book of Chronicles
 - c. Twelve Tribes of Israel
 - d. The twelve curses bestowed on Israel for disobedience

Answer – C) “Representing the twelve tribes of Israel, they are the foundation stones of the new Jerusalem.” **CCC 76**