

The Dignity of Life

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This self-quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review what you know about our Catholic faith. Check your answers against the answer key on page 41.



1 In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy _____.

- a) Father b) Spirit c) Church
d) Family

2 The Holy Spirit is God.

True | False

3 The 5th commandment says: "Thou shall not _____."

- a) commit adultery b) lie c) steal d) kill

4 It is never ok to do scientific experiments on _____ without their permission.

- a) people b) pigs c) frogs d) mice

5 "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and...he saw the Spirit of God descending like a _____ [and] coming upon him." (Matthew 3:16)

- a) pterodactyl b) pigeon c) dove d) gust of wind

6 People who kill themselves go straight to hell.

True | False

7 Jesus' original _____ didn't know what to do until the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost.

- a) sheep b) altar servers
c) disciples d) saints



8 Every country should make sure that people have food, shelter, health care, education, and emergency help if they need it.

True | False

9 At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appears as tongues of _____.

- a) martyrs b) doves c) cows d) fire

10 The Holy Spirit descended upon _____ and she became pregnant with Jesus, the Son of God.

- a) the Trinity b) Mary c) the Church
d) Elizabeth

11 Which sacrament gives a person the Holy Spirit so he can live the way God wants him to?

- a) holy orders b) anointing of the sick
c) baptism d) confession

12 The Holy Spirit helps us pray.

True | False

13 The virtue of _____ means showing self-restraint, living simply, and refusing to indulge in selfish and excessive behavior.

- a) prudence b) courage
c) temperance d) justice



14 People continue to build up God's creation through their _____.

- a) work b) sin c) laughter d) silence

15 The _____ of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2-3) help us to live as followers of Jesus and continue building the kingdom of God.

- a) songs b) gifts c) paintings d) symbols

16 From the traditional church song: "Come Holy _____, creator blest and in our hearts take up thy rest."

- a) Trinity b) Family c) Communion
d) Ghost

17 Only saints and bishops receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

True | False

18 At Mass, the color _____ is worn by the clergy on feasts of the Holy Spirit.

- a) purple b) white c) red d) green

19 Defending human life is so important because people are made in the image and _____ of God.

- a) likeness b) size c) style d) invincibility

20 A just and peaceful world where human life is respected from the mother's womb to natural death is impossible.

True | False



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If a person kills someone, it is OK for the authorities (i.e. police, government) to put them to death as a punishment. True | False

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ANSWERS TO **WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?** from page 22.

1 B) The Sign of the Cross is a reminder of our baptism.

2 TRUE. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity.

3 D) "God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right to directly destroy an innocent human being." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2258)

4 A) Science and technology are tools to help humanity. But the great good that comes from them never justifies abusing or taking advantage of people. (CCC, 2292-95)

5 C) In religious art, the dove is frequently the symbol of the Holy Spirit.

6 FALSE. While suicide is a sin against God's gift of life, "God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." (CCC, 2283)

7 C) Jesus promised he would send the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).

8 TRUE. Because people have a God-given right to a life with dignity, the Church insists that everyone—rich or poor—in every country deserves access to life's basic necessities (CCC, 2288).

9 D) "Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which (the disciples) were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" (Acts 2:2-3).

10 B) Jesus did not have an earthly father. His Father was God the Father in heaven. God, the Holy Spirit, came upon Mary and she conceived Jesus in her womb.

11 C) "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit. ... Through Baptism

we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission" (CCC, 1213)

12 TRUE. "The Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings" (Romans 8:26).

13 C) God created the world with enough for everyone if people share. "Respect for human dignity requires the practice of the virtue of temperance" (CCC, 2407).

14 A) The U.S. bishops teach: "Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation." Therefore the rights of workers must be respected.

15 B) Christ gives Christians the Holy Spirit so that Christians have supernatural guidance and power to live like he did in the world. (CCC, 1303)

16 D) To follow Jesus is impossible without the Holy Spirit, so Catholics rightly beg the Holy Spirit in prayers and songs.

17 FALSE. "The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord" (CCC, 1831). All Christians receive these gifts at baptism.

18 C) Red is used to decorate the church at Pentecost, confirmations, the feasts of martyrs, and days recalling Christ's passion, blood, or cross.

19 A) "Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26).

20 FALSE. The Church's social teaching insists that social justice is possible if the God-given dignity of people is respected and everyone recognizes that we are all dependent on God and one another.



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