

Order of Christian Initiation Survey for children/youth

Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. This is not a test, only a tool that helps us find out what our students still need to learn. "I don't know" is a perfectly acceptable answer!

The Bible

Which Bible stories do you know well enough that you could tell them to someone else?

- a. The creation story
- b. The Fall of Adam and Eve
- c. Noah and the ark
- d. God tests Abraham and Isaac
- e. God rescues the Israelites from slavery in Egypt
- f. God gives the Ten Commandments
- g. David and Goliath
- h. Solomon builds a temple
- i. Jesus is born in Bethlehem
- j. Jesus dies on the cross
- k. Jesus rises from the dead
- l. The Church grows

The Creed

- 1) Who is God? (circle all that are true)
 - a) An old man in the sky
 - b) A being who is perfect love, mercy, justice and kindness
 - c) Someone who will get angry if you mess up
 - d) The Creator of the Universe
 - e) The Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - f) I don't know

- 2) Who is Jesus? (circle all that are true)
- a) A prophet
 - b) My friend
 - c) The Son of God: true God and true Man
 - d) A good man
 - e) I don't know
- 3) Who is the Holy Spirit? (circle all that are true)
- a) A real dove
 - b) God – the third person of the Trinity
 - c) A ghost from the grave
 - d) The Force
 - e) The one who gives us God's love and help
 - f) I don't know
- 4) Who is Mary? (circle all that are true)
- a) The mother of the Church
 - b) My (spiritual) mother
 - c) A nice woman
 - d) A regular person who people sing about
 - e) I don't know
- 5) What is a saint?
- a) Someone who never did anything wrong
 - b) A person who served God as best they could during this life and is now in Heaven
 - c) someone with superpowers
 - d) I don't know
- 6) Who can forgive sins?
- a) Your parents
 - b) Only God, but he works through priests to forgive
 - c) I don't know

7) What is heaven?

- a) A made up story
- b) A place in the clouds where you go after you die
- c) A place where you go after you die where you live with God forever
- d) A place you go after you die where everyone is an angel
- e) I don't know

8) Why did God make you?

- a) Because he wanted to control you
- b) Because he needed to be entertained
- c) Because he wants to have a relationship with you now and live with you forever in heaven
- d) I don't know

The Mass

9) When you're at Mass, do you know the responses and say them along with the rest of the people in the Church?

- a) Yes, all of them
- b) Some or most of them
- c) No, I don't know how to participate yet

10) When you're at Mass do you know when to sit, stand and kneel, and do you sit, stand and kneel with the rest of the people in the Church?

- a) Yes, all of the time
- b) Some or most of the time
- c) No, I don't know how to participate yet

11) What is the Mass? (circle each one that is true)

- a) Worship that celebrates our Covenant relationship with God and brings us close to Him
- b) A boring thing that takes too long
- c) A gathering of people where I get to talk with friends afterwards
- d) A family meal
- e) A sacrifice
- f) I don't know

Sacraments

- 12) Which of these sacraments have you watched happening before?
- a) Baptism
 - b) Confession
 - c) Confirmation
 - d) None of these
- 13) What is Baptism? (circle all that are true)
- a) When someone becomes a child of God
 - b) when someone gets water poured on them by a priest or a pastor
 - c) Just a symbol of wanting to be a good person – it doesn't really do anything
 - d) When someone officially joins the Church and becomes part of the body of Christ
 - e) I don't know
- 14) What is the sacrament of Confession? (circle all that are true)
- a) When you tell you sins to a priest so that God can forgive you and heal you
 - b) When you tell your sins to a priest so you can be punished
 - c) When you tell your sins to a priest and they let your parents know where you have room for improvement
 - d) I don't know
- 15) What is the Eucharist? (circle all that are true)
- a) bread
 - b) The Body, Blood, and Soul of Jesus
 - c) A symbol of the last supper
 - d) A re-presentation of Jesus' death n the cross
 - e) A symbol of God
 - f) I don't know
- 16) What is the sacrament of confirmation? (circle all that are true)
- a) When you confirm your reservation at a restaurant
 - b) The second part of Baptism
 - c) When someone is sealed with the Holy Spirit and His gifts
 - d) When you make an adult decision to enter the Church
 - e) I don't know

Prayer

- 17) How often do you pray?
- a) Every day
 - b) Every now and then
 - c) Never
- 18) What is prayer good for? (circle all that are true)
- a) Nothing, no one listens anyway
 - b) It helps me get closer to God
 - c) It makes me feel good
 - d) My mom/grandma/dad etc. says I have to
 - e) I owe it to God
 - f) It can help the people I love
 - g) I don't know

Living the Catholic Faith Fully

- 19) How often do you attend Mass?
- a) Every week
 - b) Every other week or so
 - c) Once a month or less
 - d) Never
- 20) What is a holy day of obligation?
- a) Sundays
 - b) Important feast days on which I need to go to Mass even though it isn't Sunday
 - c) A day I need to fast
 - d) I don't know
- 21) How often do you receive the sacrament of confession?
- 22) How often do you fast?
- a) Every few months or more
 - b) On Good Friday and Ash Wednesday
 - c) I never fast

23) How much of your time and money should you give to the Church?

- a) Nothing, they have plenty of money and helpers
- b) A dollar or so every now and then
- c) What I feel the Spirit is moving me to give
- d) As much as I can reasonably afford
- e) I don't know

