

Catholic Family Catechism in 50 Q&As (Mini-Edition)

This Mini-Edition omits the add-on parts of answers which are in italics. The full text of a future book will have bigger print, lots of pictures, Bible texts with each Question & Answer, five-finger summaries, detailed notes, index etc.

Part 1: THE CREED

1. In Whom do you believe?

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, Our Lord.
He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE CREATOR

2. Who is the Creator of everything?

God is the Creator of everything.

THE HOLY TRINITY

3. Is God the Blessed Trinity?

God is the Blessed Trinity,
one God in Three Persons,
the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.

GOOD ANGELS

4. Who are angels?

Angels are spirit creatures
whom God made
to adore Him in Heaven.

MAN'S DIGNITY, DUTY, DESTINY

5. Who is man?

Man is a creature of God with a
soul made in His image.

6. Why did God make us?

God made us
to know, love and serve Him
here on earth
and to see and enjoy Him
forever in Heaven.

ORIGINAL SIN

7. Why are we born in Original Sin?

We are born in Original Sin
without grace and special favours
because Adam and Eve
ate the forbidden fruit.

CHRISTMAS & INCARNATION

8. Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is true God
and true man,
Our Lord and Saviour.

GOOD FRIDAY

9. Why did Jesus Christ die in agony on the cross?

Jesus Christ died in agony
on the cross to take away
all sins, original and
personal.

EASTER SUNDAY

10. Did Jesus Christ really rise from the dead?

Jesus Christ
really rose from the dead:
the stone was rolled back
and the tomb was empty;
the Apostles and holy women saw
Him, spoke with Him, touched Him
and ate with Him.

ASCENSION

11. What happened at the Ascension?

At the Ascension, Jesus Christ
entered Heaven
in His glorified body.

PENTECOST

12. What happened at Pentecost?

At Pentecost, the Apostles
were filled with the Holy Spirit.

THE CHURCH

13. Who is the Church?

The Church is the family
of the baptized disciples
of Jesus Christ.

14. Who is the Pope?

The Pope is the Bishop of Rome, the
successor of Saint Peter,
and the Vicar of Jesus Christ.

THE FOUR LAST THINGS:

DEATH, JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, HELL

15. What happens at death?

At Death, our bodies die
and our souls go to God
for Judgement.

HEAVEN

16. What is Heaven?

Heaven is where God reveals
His glory to the angels and saints.

PURGATORY

17. What happens in Purgatory?

In Purgatory souls are purified.

HELL

18. What is Hell?

the Devil and his angels
and all who die in mortal sin
suffer in the greatest pain
the loss of God for ever.

THE SECOND COMING

19. What will, happen at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?

At His Second Coming
Jesus Christ will raise up our bodies.

Part 2: THE SACRAMENTS

THE LITURGY

20. What is the Liturgy?

The Liturgy is
the public worship of God.

SACRAMENTS 'DO WHAT THEY SAY'

21. What is a Sacrament?

A Sacrament is a bodily sign
instituted by Jesus Christ to give
grace.

22. What Sacraments

did Jesus Christ give us?

Jesus Christ gave us
seven Sacraments:
Baptism, Confirmation
and Holy Eucharist;
Penance and Anointing of the Sick;
Holy Orders and Matrimony.

BAPTISM

23. What happens at Baptism?

At Baptism, the priest
pours water on the person's head,
saying, "[NAME], I baptize you in
the Name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit",

24. What does Baptism do?

Baptism forgives all sins,
original and personal,
and gives us sanctifying grace.

CONFIRMATION

25. What happens at Confirmation?

At Confirmation the Bishop
anoints the forehead with chrism.

HOLY MASS — HOLY EUCHARIST

26. What happens at Mass?

At Mass, we hear the Word of God and
join in the sacrifice
of Jesus Christ.

27. What is the Real Presence?

The Real Presence is
Jesus Christ in the Holy
Eucharist, Body and
Blood, Soul and Divinity
under the appearances of
bread and wine.

PENANCE

28. *What happens at your Confession ?*
At Confession,

I accuse myself of my sins
accept a penance,
express my sorrow,
and the priest forgives me.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

29. *What happens*

at the Anointing of the Sick?

At the Anointing of the Sick the
priest puts blessed oil on the
forehead and hands of someone
seriously ill.

HOLY ORDERS

BY APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

30. *What is Holy Orders?*

Holy Orders makes men priests
with power to preach and offer Mass.

MATRIMONY

31. *What is matrimony?*

Matrimony makes
a man and woman
husband and wife until death,
for love, children and family.

Part 3: LIVING IN CHRIST

PERSONAL COVENANT

32. *What is life in Jesus Christ?*

Life in Jesus Christ
is living in His grace.

VIRTUES

33. *What are virtues?*

Virtues are
good habits built up by repetition and
powers God gives with grace.

34. *What is sin?*

Sin is any wilful
thought, word, deed or omission
against the Law of God.

SANCTIFYING GRACE

35. *What is sanctifying grace ?*

Sanctifying grace is
God's free gift
to make us holy and
pleasing to Him.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

36. *Say God's Ten Commandments:*

- (1) I am the LORD Thy God:
thou shalt not have strange gods
before Me.
- (2) Thou shalt not take the name
of the LORD thy God in vain.
- (3) Remember to keep holy
the Lord's Day.
- (4) Honour thy father
and thy mother.
- (5) Thou shalt not kill.
- (6) Thou shalt not
commit adultery.
- (7) Thou shalt not steal.

(8) Thou shalt not
bear false witness
against thy neighbour.

(9) Thou shalt not covet
thy neighbour's wife.

10) Thou shalt not covet thy
neighbour's goods.

THOU SHALT LOVE

THE LORD THY GOD (1st-3rd)

GOD

37. *How do we keep*

the 1st Commandment?

We keep the 1st Commandment
by adoring God alone
through faith, hope and charity.

GOD'S HOLY NAME

38. *How do we keep*

the 2nd Commandment?

We keep the 2nd Commandment
by hallowing God's name and
honouring oaths and vows.

GOD'S HOLY DAYS

39. *How do we keep*

the 3rd Commandment

We keep the 3rd Commandment
by taking part in Mass and
resting from unnecessary work
on Sundays and holydays.

*THOU SHALT LOVE THY
NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF (4th- 10th)*

PARENTS AND AUTHORITY

40. *How do we keep*

the 4th Commandment?

We keep the 4th Commandment
by honouring and obeying
our parents.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

41. *How do we keep*

the 5th Commandment?

We keep the 5th Commandment
by protecting
human life and health,
and avoiding anger, hate and injury.

PURITY AND SELF-MASTERY

42. *How do we keep*

the 6th Commandment?

We keep the 6th Commandment
by keeping the wedding vows,
and by purity
in what we do and say.

HONEST

43. *How do we keep*

the 7th Commandment

We keep the 7th Commandment
by honouring other people's
ownership of things.

TRUTHFUL

44. *How do we keep*

the 8th Commandment?

We keep the 8th Commandment
by telling the truth
and not telling lies.

CLEAN-MINDED

45. *How do we keep*

the 9th Commandment?

We keep the 9th Commandment
by purity in thought.

BIG-HEARTED

46. *How do we keep*

the 10th Commandment?

We keep the 10th Commandment
by mastering our desires.

Part 4: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

JESUS CHRIST TAUGHT US

47. *Say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR FATHER, Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name;

Thy Kingdom come;

Thy Will be done

on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass
against us;

and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from Evil.

Amen.

INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY

48. *Say the Angelic Salutation.*

HAIL, MARY, full of grace,

the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among women

and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

PRAYING ALWAYS

49. *What is prayer?*

Prayer is raising

our minds and hearts to God.

AMEN

50. *What does 'Amen' mean?*

'Amen' means "so be it".