

# What Do I Know about Catholicism?

In the time allotted for this exercise, answer each question to the best of your knowledge. Each set of questions corresponds to the units you will study in this course and represent content you will cover in more detail in the coming weeks. You may need to answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper for more space.

## Part 1: The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture

- What are some core beliefs of Catholics?
- What does the Church mean by *divine Revelation*?
- What is divine inspiration?
- How do Catholics differ from fundamentalists in their reading of Sacred Scripture?

## Part 2: Who Is Jesus Christ?

- What is faith?
- Name several ways God has revealed himself. (For example, God revealed himself to Moses in the burning bush.)
- What is the Incarnation? (*Incarnation* comes from a Latin root that means “to become flesh.”)



- What or who is the Trinity? Do Christians have three gods or one?

## **Part 3: The Mission of Jesus Christ (The Paschal Mystery)**

- What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
- What is Original Sin, and how did it come about?
- What was Jesus' mission in the world?
- Why is the Paschal Mystery—the mystery of Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension—important to Christians?

## **Part 4: Jesus Christ's Mission Continues in the Church**

- How does the Church continue Jesus' mission?
- The Nicene Creed describes the Church as “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” Describe what each of these four marks of the Church means.



- What are the roles of the Pope, bishops, priests, and deacons in the Church?
- What is the role of the laity in the Church?

## **Part 5: Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Christ**

- Define *sacrament* and name the Seven Sacraments.
- What is the purpose of the Sacraments?
- Why is the Eucharist called the “source and summit” of Catholic life?
- What is a symbol? Explain two sacramental symbols.

## **Part 6: Life in Jesus Christ**

- How are Jesus and the Church guides to living a holy and moral life?
- What does the Church teach us about our relationship with other people?
- What does the Church teach us about our relationship with material things?



- Why does being a Christian call us to live in a right relationship with all human beings and with all of creation?

## **Part 7: Christian Prayer**

- What is prayer?
- Name and describe several forms or expressions of prayer.
- In what ways are both personal and communal prayer important for a Christian?
- How can the Lord's Prayer be seen as the summary of all we need to live the Christian life?

