



Know Your Saints and Blessed Quiz

In honor of Pope Benedict's "Year for Priests," this year's Saints Quiz has 30 saints and blessed who were priests. They came from many different backgrounds, with diverse talents and temperaments, but they were all men who dared to offer their lives in loving service to Christ and His Church as ordained priests. There are Popes, Bishops, Missionaries, Monks, Martyrs and Parish Priests. Each served as a living icon of Christ, performing the sacraments of the Church and being a Spiritual Father to those around him.

- ___ 1. Born to a noble Spanish family, this Saint founded the Mercedarian Order, a military order of monks who carried swords and sought to ransom slaves.
- ___ 2. This Italian priest was imprisoned for refusing to swear an oath of allegiance to Napoleon Bonaparte, bravely choosing to remain loyal to the Pope. He founded the Confraternity of the Precious Blood and his mission sermons to convert Freemasons were so successful, he was nicknamed the "Hammer of the Sectarrians".
- ___ 3. Born into wealth and privilege, this native of France left leisure behind and became a priest. This saint founded the Order of the Most Holy Trinity to secure the release of Christian slaves held by the Muslims.
- ___ 4. The son of a nobleman, this blessed was ordained a Benedictine priest before becoming a professor at the University of Montpellier. After being appointed the abbot of a monastery, he regularly assisted the Pope on diplomatic journeys. Though neither an Italian, nor a Cardinal, he was surprisingly elected Pope.
- ___ 5. In his early days, this saint was such a skilled metalworker that King Clotaire II hired him to build the "Chair of State." He was later made a bishop. Deeply loved for his charity, honesty and holiness, he continued to do metalworking in his spare time.
- ___ 6. Receiving no education in his childhood in Germany, this shepherd's son started working 12 hours a day in a shoe factory at the age of 18, but began studying at night. He graduated high school at the age of 24 and was ordained a priest at 32. He became the leader of a society of Catholic young men that later was named for him. In contrast to his contemporary Karl Marx, this blessed stressed the dignity of man and of work.
- ___ 7. Born into an Italian naval family, this brilliant saint began as an attorney before becoming frustrated with court battles. He was ordained a priest, wrote prolifically, battled the heresy of Jansenism and lived to the age of ninety.
- ___ 8. [This Dominican Priest was one of the greatest artists of the early Renaissance. His paintings of Christ in the small cells where his brother monks lived and prayed in Florence, Italy are still visited by thousands of art fans today.](#)
- ___ 9. [This accomplished British poet and Jesuit Priest was tortured during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Convicted of "being a Catholic Priest," he was hung, drawn and quartered for remaining true to the Church and his Priestly vocation.](#)
- ___ 10. [As a young man, he was taught the Catholic faith by the last living Apostle, St. John. Decades later, as an elderly bishop, he was martyred by the local pagan authorities who first tried to burn him alive, but when the flames did not touch him, slit his throat. The written account of his fearlessness during martyrdom inspired thousands of the early Christians to faithfully endure persecution.](#)
- ___ 11. [As a military chaplain, this French Priest spent 52 straight months at the front during World War I without ever being wounded. He attributed his remarkable survival to his devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux. After the war, he spent his life helping abandoned and orphaned children.](#)
- ___ 12. [Born and ordained in France, this martyr was a missionary in Vietnam where he was beheaded for refusing to trample on a crucifix. His life inspired Therese of Lisieux, who clung to a relic of his as her final illness progressed.](#)
- ___ 13. [This Bishop and martyr is well known for curing a boy who was choking on a fishbone.](#)
- ___ 14. He was an eloquent preacher who was forced, along with several fellow Catholics, to walk 600 miles across Japan to the place of his execution. During his slow execution, he preached to the people about the truth of the Catholic Faith and forgave his executors.
- ___ 15. As a boy, the Virgin Mary appeared to this saint and asked if he wanted to "persevere in purity" or "become a martyr" and he replied he wanted "both." Ordained a priest with the Franciscans, he founded the Militia Immaculata and was executed by an injection of carbolic acid in Auschwitz Concentration Camp during WWII.
- ___ 16. This saint lived a deeply sinful life during his young adulthood, despite the pleadings of his mother, who is also a saint. Possessing one of the greatest minds in history, he eventually became a devout Catholic like his mother. He became the Bishop of Hippo and is one of the most influential theologians ever.
- ___ 17. Profoundly physically deformed, this blessed was recognized for his brilliant mind and holiness. He wrote the song "Salve Regina" (Hail Holy Queen) which to this day is still chanted in monasteries around the world and said at the end of the rosary.

- ___ 18. Endowed with charm, athletic skill and intelligence, this Saint was very popular during his college years in Paris. A friend of his began the Society of Jesus and he joined, becoming ordained a priest. He became the greatest missionary since St. Paul, preaching and converting thousands in India, Indonesia and Japan. Like many other Catholic saints, his dead body has miraculously remained incorrupt (i.e. has not decayed).
- ___ 19. In his youth, this athletic Italian was a daredevil, juggler, magician and acrobat. As a priest, he opened a school to teach and care for poor children suffering from the Industrial Revolution. Eventually he would found an order called the Salesians who carried on his work worldwide.
- ___ 20. This priest and missionary helped those suffering from the debilitating and horribly disfiguring disease of leprosy, eventually dying as a leper himself. He is known as the "Apostle to the Lepers."
- ___ 21. This capuchin priest and Doctor of the Church was educated in philosophy and theology, and was said to be able to recall the entire text of the Bible. At the siege of Albe-Royal, he roused the 18,000 Catholic soldiers with a stirring sermon and then mounted a horse, held up his crucifix and charged toward 80,000 Muslim Turks. The Catholic soldiers followed fast behind him and miraculously won the battle, saving Europe again from Islamic invasion. The victorious general gave the credit for the victory to this brave saint.
- ___ 22. This busy saint founded a missionary order, was the Archbishop of a Caribbean Island and was a Queen's confessor. His zeal for the Catholic faith led to 15 attempts on his life by those who hated the Church, with one would-be assassin cutting him deeply across the face. This courageous priest spent his final years helping the poor and teaching.
- ___ 23. This cheerful Saint wasn't above behaving like a silly clown to make children he met on the street laugh. He said "A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one." For all his work with the common people of Rome, he is sometimes called the "Apostle of Rome."
- ___ 24. Born in France, this Jesuit Priest was a missionary to the Native Americans. The Mohawks captured, enslaved and tortured him beyond the power of natural endurance, yet he continued to teach the Faith to anyone who would listen. He eventually escaped and returned briefly to Europe before going back to America. Though originally well received upon his return, he willingly entered hostile territory where he was beheaded in part of what is today New York State.
- ___ 25. Prior to his birth, the mother of this Spanish saint had a vision of a dog holding a burning torch that "seemed to set the world on fire." He traveled, preached and encouraged people to say the Rosary. The religious order that is named after him battled the Albigensian heresy and is also known as the Order of Preachers.
- ___ 26. This Dominican Priest was elected pope, but retained his white Dominican habit. Since then all future Popes have worn white. As the Muslim naval fleet threatened to invade Europe, this Pope asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary. The heavily outnumbered Catholic fleet miraculously won the battle of Lepanto on October 7th, prompting the Pope to make it a feast day for Mary called "Our Lady of Victory."
- ___ 27. This saint ministered to the African slaves who'd been brought to America to be sold, becoming the "slave to the slaves." As soon as a slave ship would arrive in Cartagena, Colombia, he would board it and begin to give food, medicine and help to the slaves inside. He battled constantly for the ending of slavery, but died before that was achieved. He is known as the "Patron Saint of Slaves."
- ___ 28. One of the most intelligent persons to ever live, this Dominican priest successfully synthesized Catholic theology with Aristotle's philosophy. When asked by the Pope to write songs for the new feast of Corpus Christi, he reluctantly agreed, producing some of the greatest poems ever written in Latin (including Tantum Ergo Sacramentum, Pange Linqua and O Salutaris Hostia).
- ___ 29. During the brutal repression of the Catholic Church in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, this courageous Jesuit saint met clandestinely with devout Catholics, holding Mass in secret, so they would not be imprisoned. He was captured and later tortured by being stretched on the rack. When he refused the Queen's request that he reject his Catholic faith, he was hung, drawn and quartered.
- ___ 30. Despite being just a pastor for a small parish in rural France, this humble saint became known all over Europe for his wisdom and sanctity. Catholics would travel great distances to go to confession to him, requiring him to stay in the confessional over 10 hours each day. Today, he is known as the Patron Saint of Priests.

1. **Blessed Adolph Kolping**
 2. **St. Alphonsus Ligouri**
 3. **St. Ambrose**
 4. **St. Anthony Mary Claret**
 5. **St. Augustine**
 6. [St. Blasé](#)
 7. **St. Damien**
 8. [Blessed Daniel Brottier](#)
 9. **St. Dominic**
 10. **St. Edmund Campion**
 11. **St. Eligius**
 12. [Blessed Fra Angelico](#)

13. **St. Francis Xavier**
 14. **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**
 15. **St. Gaspar del Buffalo**
 16. **Blessed Herman of Reichenau**
 17. **St. Isaac Jogues**
 18. **St. James the Greater**
 19. **St. John Bosco**
 20. **St. John of Matha**
 21. **St. John Vianney**
 22. **St. Lawrence of Brindisi**
 23. **St. Leo the Great**
 24. **St. Martin de Porres**

25. **St. Maximilian Kolbe**
 26. **St. Paul**
 27. [St. Paul Miki](#)
 28. **St. Peter Claver**
 29. **St. Peter Nolasco**
 30. **St. Phillip Neri**
 31. **St. Pius V**
 32. [St. Polycarp of Smyrna](#)
 33. [St. Robert Southwell](#)
 34. [St. Theophane Venard](#)
 35. **St. Thomas Aquinas**
 36. **Blessed Urban V**

Answer Key

1. St. Peter Nolasco	29
2. St. Gaspar del Buffalo	15
3. St. John of Matha	20
4. Blessed Urban V	36
5. St. Eligius	11
6. Blessed Adolph Kolping	1
7. St. Alphonsus Ligouri	2
8. Blessed Fra Angelico	12
9. St. Robert Southwell.....	33
10. St. Polycarp of Smyrna.....	32
11. Blessed Daniel Brottier.....	8
12. St. Theophane Venard	34
13. St. Blasé.....	6
14. St. Paul Miki	27
15. St. Maximilian Kolbe.....	25
16. St. Augustine.....	5
17. Blessed Herman Richenau.....	16
18. St. Francis Xavier	13
19. St. John Bosco	19
20. St. Damien	7
21. St. Lawrence of Brindisi.....	22
22. St. Anthony Mary Claret	4
23. St. Phillip Neri.....	30
24. St. Isaac Jogues.....	17
25. St. Dominic.....	9
26. St. Pius V	31
27. St. Peter Claver.....	28
28. St. Thomas Aquinas	35
29. St. Edmund Campion	10
30. St. John Vianney	21

In order to make the quiz a little easier, you may want to eliminate from the choices those which are numbers not used: 3, 14, 18, 23, 24, & 26.