

Memorization Questions 9th grade

1. Why is the Catholic Church missionary?

The Catholic Church is sent to teach all people about Jesus. This is its mission. All Catholics are to be missionaries. They are sent to share God's truth with people who do not know it. Jesus wants every member of His Church to help in carrying His truth to the rest of mankind.

2. How long has the Catholic Church existed?

The Catholic Church has existed since the death and Resurrection of Jesus, which took place about 33A..D.

3. Why is the Church on earth called the church Militant?

The Church on earth is called the Church Militant because it is still fighting against sin and error. Militant means fighting.

4. What is the Church Suffering?

The Church Suffering consists of the souls in Purgatory. These souls died with the Holy Spirit within them, but without getting rid of all their selfishness. In Purgatory, God's love burns away their selfishness so that they can be with God.

5. What is our duty toward the dead?

Our duty toward the dead is to respect their bodies and to pray for their souls.

6. What is the Church Triumphant?

The Church Triumphant consists of the souls in Heaven who have triumphed over sin and death. Triumphant means victorious.

7. What does the Church desire concerning Confession?

The Church wants Catholics to be taught the importance of regular, honest Confession from about the age of seven. It is a good habit to go to Confession once or twice a month.

8. What do we gain by confessing venial sins?

By confessing venial sins, we grow in the grace and love of God, and we receive the strength to overcome our faults.

9. Must we still suffer for our sins after they are forgiven?

We must repair for our sins after they are forgiven. We repair for our sins through prayer, through reception of the sacraments, by doing good works, and by doing penance in this life or by suffering in Purgatory.

10. What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is a special help that the Church gives us to reduce or fully take away the punishment due for sins after they are forgiven.

11. How does the church have the power to give an indulgence?

God gives the Church the power to use the merits of Jesus, and of the saints to reduce or fully take away the punishment due to sin.

12. What must we do to gain an indulgence?

To gain an indulgence (1) we must not have any mortal sin on our soul. (2) we must say the prayer or do the work which the Church asks us to do to gain the indulgence, (3) we must want to earn the indulgence, and (4) for a full taking away of all punishment, we must receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Pope, and be detached from our sins.

13. May we gain an indulgence for the dead?

Yes, all indulgences may be offered for the dead or for ourselves, but they may not be offered for any other living person.

14. What is the difference between a plenary and a partial indulgence?

A plenary indulgence takes away all of the punishment for sin at the time the indulgence is gained. A partial indulgence takes away only part of it.

15. What is an example of a partial indulgence?

A partial indulgence may be gained by a person in the state of grace who prays, receives the sacraments, does good works and makes sacrifices for God's sake.