

Diocese of Lansing Grade 8 Religion Assessment

Student Name: _____

School/Parish: _____

City: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____

		Student Score
Part I: Profession of Faith	25 points	_____
Part II: Saints	10 points	_____
Part III: Sacraments	10 points	_____
Part IV: Life in Christ	15 points	_____
Part V: Prayer	6 points	_____
Part VI: Bible Skills	4 points	_____
Total Points Possible:	70 Points	_____

***Qualifies for Certificate of Recognition:** Yes No

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Part I: Profession of Faith

Select the BEST answer from the choices provided. Write the letter of the correct answer in the box.

- 1) How does God reveal himself (Divine Revelation)**
 - a) Creation, Scripture, Tradition and Jesus Christ
 - b) Statues and pictures
 - c) Sin
 - d) None of the above
- 2) God's plan of salvation is perfectly fulfilled in**
 - a) God's law
 - b) Jesus Christ
 - c) Moses
 - d) Human beings and all living things
- 3) We know we are created in God's image because**
 - a) We can understand math, science and languages
 - b) We can communicate
 - c) We can love, think and choose
 - d) We can gain wealth and material goods
- 4) God loves**
 - a) People who do not sin
 - b) Catholics
 - c) All people
 - d) Christians
- 5) In the Old Testament, Passover is foreshadowing of the**
 - a) Sacrifice of the Lamb of God
 - b) Eucharist
 - c) New Covenant
 - d) All of the above
- 6) The covenant God made with Moses continues as**
 - a) An everlasting promise of love and relationship with us
 - b) Prophecy
 - c) Anointing of the Sick
 - d) Baptism and Confirmation
- 7) The crossing through the Red Sea is a symbol of**
 - a) Holy Orders and Matrimony
 - b) Baptism
 - c) Reconciliation
 - d) Confirmation
- 8) Which statement is NOT true about the Bible**
 - a) It is the Word of God
 - b) It is the only source of Divine Revelation
 - c) The Holy Spirit inspired the authors
 - d) It is made up of the Old Testament and the New Testament

9) The Holy Trinity is

- a) Three Gods in one person
- b) Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- c) Three persons in one God
- d) Both b and c

10) Jesus is

- a) Neither man nor God
- b) Both true God and true man
- c) Only a prophet, teacher, and holy man
- d) A man pretending to be God

11) Although Jesus reached out to all people, He had a special concern for

- a) The poor, the weak and the suffering
- b) The powerful and influential
- c) High Priests and Levites
- d) Centurions and politicians

12) Jesus used parables to

- a) Teach about the Kingdom of God
- b) Teach moral lessons
- c) Demonstrate God's love
- d) All of the above

13) The Paschal Mystery is Jesus'

- a) Passion
- b) Death
- c) Resurrection
- d) All of above

14) Mary's Immaculate Conception refers to

- a) Mary was sinless from the first moment of her existence
- b) Jesus was sinless from the first moment of His human existence.
- c) The Virgin Birth
- d) The Annunciation

15) We honor Mary because she is

- a) The Mother of the Church
- b) The Mother of God
- c) A model of obedience, prayer and faith
- d) All of the above

16) When Jesus ascended into heaven, whom did He promise to send as our helper and guide

- a) The Apostles
- b) Mary
- c) The Holy Spirit
- d) The Saints

17) Which of these does NOT occur when we are baptized

- a) We become a member of the Church
- b) We are made members of the family of God
- c) We are sinless forever
- d) We are freed from original sin

- 18) Which of the following is NOT true about the Holy Spirit:**
- a) He is active in the Old and New Testaments, and in our lives today
 - b) He guides the teachings of the Church and makes us holy
 - c) He is the third person of the Trinity
 - d) He first became active at Pentecost
- 19) The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us in the sacrament of _____ and strengthened in the sacrament of _____.**
- a) Baptism, Confirmation
 - b) Confirmation, Holy Orders
 - c) Baptism, First Eucharist
 - d) First Eucharist, Confirmation
- 20) We can experience the Holy Spirit through**
- a) Scripture
 - b) Liturgy
 - c) The Magisterium
 - d) All of the above
- 21) We become members of the Church through**
- a) Baptism
 - b) Registration and use of weekly envelopes
 - c) Birth
 - d) Accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior
- 22) The Mark of the Church that demonstrates that the fullness of faith is intended for all people is**
- a) One
 - b) Holy
 - c) Catholic
 - d) Apostolic
- 23) Which believers are united in the Communion of Saints?**
- a) Only those in Heaven
 - b) Only those in Heaven and Purgatory
 - c) Only those in Purgatory and on earth
 - d) Those in Heaven and Purgatory and on earth
- 24) The founder of the Church was**
- a) Moses
 - b) Jesus
 - c) Peter
 - d) Abraham
- 25) The Church honors the Saints to give us**
- a) Models/witnesses of faith
 - b) People to worship
 - c) People to pray for us
 - d) Both a and c

Part II: Saints

Match the Saint to what they are known for. Write the letter of the saint on the line next to the description. Use one letter only once.

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| A. Blessed Teresa (Mother Teresa) of Calcutta | _____ | Dedicated her life to the poorest of the poor in India. |
| B. St. John | _____ | Author of a Gospel. Called the beloved disciple, one of the twelve apostles. |
| C. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | _____ | Once known as Saul, he wrote many New Testament letters. |
| D. St. Francis of Assisi | _____ | Spouse of Mary. Foster father of Jesus Patron of the universal Church. |
| E. St. Patrick | _____ | Great lover of animals, created the nativity scene, and gave away his riches. |
| F. St. Paul | _____ | Herald of the Messiah. Cousin of Jesus. |
| G. St. Michael | _____ | First American-born saint, wife and mother, and patron saint of Catholic schools in America. |
| H. St. Luke | _____ | Archangel, prince of the heavenly host. |
| I. St. John the Baptist | _____ | Converted Ireland to Christianity and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. |
| J. St. Joseph | _____ | Author of a Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. |

Part III: Sacraments

Write the name of the sacrament which celebrates....

1. The life-long vow or covenant between a man and a woman.
2. God's loving forgiveness and reunites you with God and the Church.
3. Being freed from sin, becoming children of God, and members of the Church.
4. The outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit which strengthens the graces of Baptism.
5. A baptized man being consecrated as Deacon, Priest or Bishop.
6. The grace of God's healing love for those who are seriously ill or dying.
7. Sharing in the true Body and Blood of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine.

Part III: Sacraments – Multiple Choice

- 1. The sacraments of initiation are**
 - a) Holy Orders, Confirmation, Matrimony
 - b) Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick
 - c) Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
 - d) Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist
- 2. Why do Catholics celebrate the sacraments**
 - a) Because the Ten Commandments require it
 - b) The Prophets tell us to in the Bible
 - c) Because everybody else does it
 - d) To share in God's love and grace
- 3. Frequent celebration of Reconciliation and Eucharist helps us to**
 - a) Grow in faith, hope, and love with God
 - b) Strengthen our life of grace
 - c) Build the Body of Christ
 - d) All of the above

Part IV: Life in Christ

Mark each statement T for True or F for False

1. Conscience means doing whatever you feel is right.
2. Grace is something you earn by practicing good works.
3. The Beatitudes help in forming a correct conscience.
4. The first five Commandments are about our relationship with God and the last five commandments are about our relationship with our neighbor.
5. The Commandments were given to Moses to guide God's people in following His way.
6. Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart by a grace violation of God's law and results in a loss of sanctifying grace.
7. True reconciliation includes being sorry for our sins, admitting our sins and asking God to help us not to sin again.
8. Once you steal something it is acceptable to keep the object as long as you go to Reconciliation.
9. Because Jesus was divine, He never had to endure temptation.
10. If you keep committing sins, God runs out of forgiveness.

T/F

Part IV: Life in Christ - Matching

Match the correct letter of the Beatitude on the line next to the description. Use one letter only once.

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| a. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. | _____ | John is excluded from a group when he refuses to give answers to a test. |
| b. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. | _____ | Jane forgave someone for gossiping about her. |
| c. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. | _____ | John prays for strength to honor his body as a temple of the Holy Spirit. |
| d. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. | _____ | Jane is sorry for her sins so she wants to go to confession. |
| e. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. | _____ | John realizes his gifts come from God and not from himself. |

Part V: Prayer

Multiple Choice

Select the BEST answer from the choices provided. Write the letter of the correct answer in the box.

1. **Which of these is NOT prayer?**
 - a) Asking God for something I know is not good for me
 - b) Speaking with and listening to God
 - c) Responding to God's love and forgiveness
 - d) Recognizing that God calls us to relationship
2. **What is the highest form of prayer within the Church?**
 - a) The Rosary
 - b) The Mass
 - c) The Our Father
 - d) The Creed
3. **What are the general purposes of prayer?**
 - a) Praise and adoration
 - b) Thanksgiving and contrition
 - c) Petition and intercession
 - d) All of the above
4. **Does God answer all prayer?**
 - a) No, He only answers the right prayer
 - b) Yes, but you do not always get the answer you want
 - c) Yes, and you always get what you want
 - d) No, God does not have time to answer everyone
5. **What is the most important season of the liturgical year?**
 - a) Advent/Christmas
 - b) Lent
 - c) Triduum/Easter
 - d) Ordinary Time
6. **The Holy Days of Obligation are?**
 - a) Christmas, Mary Mother of God, Immaculate Conception
 - b) All Saints, Assumption, all Sundays of the year
 - c) Ash Wednesday, All Soul's Day, Thanksgiving
 - d) Both a and b

Part VI: Bible Skills and Scripture Knowledge

Copy the following passages as they are written in the Bible. Answers are worth 1 point each.

John 6:51

Matthew 16:18

Romans 8:28

Jeremiah 1:5