

RE KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY



KEY FACTS

CREATION

If I am Catholic I believe:

- In Genesis 1 & 2 God created the world and human beings.
- It is my responsibility to be a steward of the world and care for the environment.
- The creation stories teach me that the idea of **Stewardship** is important; God expects us to look after the world and take care of it on his behalf.
- Catholics can help protect the environment at local, national and global levels.
- I can join **CAFOD** to help make this world more sustainable. **Sustainability** means living in a way that respects the environment and its natural resources in order to keep everything in balance and harmony.
- The creation stories also teach us to have **dignity** (we are worthy of honour and respect) & that **Sanctity of Life** is important (*life is sacred & holy*)
- Michelangelo's image of the '**Creation of Adam**' shows God the Creator as omnipotent, transcendent & omnibenevolent & humans are made in his image.
- The bible is the word of God which I can take literally or interpret.
- The Magisterium (*the teaching authority of the church*) interprets the bible today.
- Natural Law says that humans are born with ability to know what is right and wrong, which God created. Natural law states that Catholics do good and avoid evil.
- The Catholic Church teaches that science and religion need to support and work with each other.
- Humans should care for the environment because the whole of creation is God's gift. Christians should show their love to God by treating other people, animals and the environment with love and respect.
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KEY VOCAB!

- **TRANSCENDENT**
- **OMNIPOTENT**
- **GENESIS**
- **FREE WILL**
- **STEWARDSHIP**
- **DOMINION**
- **DIGNITY**
- **FUNDAMENTALIST**
- **SANCTITY OF LIFE**
- **NATURAL LAW**
- **HOLY SPIRIT**
- **MAGISTERIUM**
- **SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL**
- **SUSTAINABILITY**



SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Q3: Explain two ways in which the idea of stewardship influences the work of CAFOD **(4 marks)**

Q4: Explain two beliefs about the Word of God **(5 marks)**

KEY QUOTES:

- *"God saw everything that he had made and indeed it was very good" **Genesis 1***
- *"... and then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being" **Genesis 2***
- *"Love your neighbour as yourself" **Mark 12 - environment***

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



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INCARNATION

If I am Catholic I believe:

- God became human in the form of Jesus. He was fully God and fully human (*incarnation*).
- Mary was asked by the Angel Gabriel to be the mother of the Son of God, this is the *Annunciation* (Luke 1)

Symbols are a simple way of expressing deep religious belief,



Ichthus (fish) = *Jesus Christ, Son of God & Saviour.*



Alpha and Omega = *First and last letter of the Greek alphabet, both indicate that God and Jesus are involved from beginning to end.*



Chi-Ro = *Formed from the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ and used a reminder of the death of Jesus.*

- Statues like 'Sacred Heart' & 'Christ the Redeemer' enable me to pray and reflect on God's love for his people.
- The Beatitudes & the Parable of the Sheep & Goats help me to live a moral life that is pleasing to God.
- The *Seven Sacraments* give me grace and help me be more holy.
- Grace is a free gift from God's love to all people. As God is all present in the whole of creation, we view the whole of reality as a sacrament, a sign of God's grace.
- The incarnation helped us to understand God's love and see him as a living presence in the world.
- The Seven Sacraments are seven rites in the Catholic Church that give grace to a person & help make a person's life more holy.
- The *Seven Sacraments* are: *Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Marriage, Ordination, Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick.*
- *Image dei* means made in the image of God so all life is holy and should be protected (*no abortion*)

KEY VOCAB!

- INCARNATION
- ANNUNCIATION
- WORD OF GOD
- GRACE
- ICHTHUS
- ALPHA AND OMEGA
- CHI RO
- CRUCIFIX
- SERMON ON THE MOUNT
- HERESIES
- SACRAMENT
- SANCTIFY
- ABORTION
- CONCEPTION
- IMAGO DEI



SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Q3: Explain two ways in which Christian symbols are used (4 marks)

Q4: Explain 2 two reasons why prayer is important to Christians (5 marks)

KEY QUOTES:

- "he will be great and will be called son of the God most high" *Luke 1*
- "and the Word became flesh and lived among us" – *John 1*
- "Life in man is the glory of God" – *St Irenaeus*
- *Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth- Matthew 1 (Beatitude)*
- 'I was hungry and you gave me food...' – *Matthew 25*



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KEY FACTS

THE TRIUNE GOD

If I am Catholic I believe:

- The Catholic Church teaches that it is good to use music to praise God. Types of music used are *psalms, traditional hymns & worship songs*.
- Certain parts of the mass, which highlight the praise and celebration of God are called acclamations. *The Gloria, Alleluia, Sanctus & Mystery of Faith* in the Mass help to praise God in different ways.
- There is **ONE** God who is also **THREE** Persons (*Triune God*). The **THREE** Persons of God- the *Father, Son & Holy Spirit* known as the *Trinity*.
- The **Nicene Creed** is a statement of faith about what Catholics believe, which explains the nature of the *Trinity*. Genesis 1:1-3 shows how all **THREE** Persons shared in an act of creation.
- The love of the *Trinity* strengthens the work of the Catholic Church, and inspires Christians to share God's love with others through mission and evangelism (*preaching*).
- Jesus' baptism confirms that early Christians understood the role of the *Father, Son and Holy Spirit* as separate yet united.
- *St Augustine (theologian)* focused on the relationship within in Trinity & how it can be understood through the concept of love. *La Cunga (theologian)* focused on how the Trinity is revealed to humans as God's attempt to redeem them.
- The Magisterium refers to the authority the Pope has to shape the Catholic Church's teachings.
- Through Baptism a person enters the life of the Trinity, they become a *child of the Father*, join in with *Jesus' death and resurrection*, and are *filled with the Holy Spirit*.
- The Catholic Church describes prayer as '*raising the heart & mind to God*'. *Traditional prayers* have set words that have been used by generations of believers. *Spontaneous prayers* are made up in the moment.
- Physical postures can assist prayer and help to show the intention behind the prayer. Some postures emphasise respect and humility (*kneeling*), some as praise to God (*bowing the head*) & some asking for God's help (*joined hands*)



KEY VOCAB!

- LITURGY
- DIVINE OFFICE
- ACCLAMATIONS
- TRIUNE GOD
- TRINITY
- NICENE CREED
- MAGESTERIUM
- LAYING ON OF HANDS
- APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY
- BAPTISM
- PRAYER
- TRADITIONAL PRAYER
- SPONTANEOUS PRAYER
- POSTURES



SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Q3: Explain two ways why Catholics can be confident in the authority of the Magisterium (4 marks)

Q4: Explain two Catholic beliefs about the Trinity. (5 marks)

KEY QUOTES:

- *Jesus' Baptism – Father, Son, Holy Spirit: Matthew 3*
- *“And because you are children, God has sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying Abba! Father!” Galatians 4*
- *Prayers in mass – The Gloria, the mystery of Faith, the Creed, the sign of the cross*



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KEY FACTS

REDEMPTION

If I am Catholic I believe:

- Catholic churches provide a space where Catholics can worship together, particularly at Mass. The design & decoration of a church helps to aid and inspire worship.
- The main features of the Catholic Church include the *lectern, altar, crucifix & tabernacle*. The position of the altar is the focal point of the Mass. The features are used to help emphasise the presence of Christ in the Church.
- Some churches use an altar for the mass as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Others use it as a reminder of the *Last Supper*.
- People are able to sin because God gave us *free will*. Sin broke the relationship between God and humanity, and destroyed the harmony of God's creation. Jesus helped to restore this damage by living his life in total obedience to God's will.
- Jesus' death, burial, resurrection & ascension were four steps in the action to *redeem humanity & restore the relationship* between God, humanity and the whole of creation.
- Life no longer ends at the moment of death. It gives them hope that, like Jesus, they will be resurrected after death and raised up to eternal life with God.
- Jesus redeemed humanity through his death, now salvation is possible. This means we can be saved from sin and eternal separation from God. Redemption and salvation are on-going processes that we have to be willing to accept.
- The mass is re-enactment and celebration of Jesus' death, through which humans are redeemed. The Mass brings *us closer to Christ, accept redemption & to resist the temptation of sin*.
- The central points of the Mass are the Gospel reading and the Eucharist Prayer.
- The bread and wine in the Mass become the Body & Blood of Christ. This means that Christ is truly present (*the Blessed Sacrament*).



KEY VOCAB!

- LECTERN
- CRUCIFIX
- ALTER
- TABERNACLE
- LAST SUPPER
- ORIGINAL SIN
- SALVATION
- REDEMPTION
- HEAVENLY BANQUET
- METAPHOR
- ATONE
- CONSCIENCE
- BLESSED SACRAMENT
- BENEDICTION



SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Q3: Explain two ways in which belief that the process of salvation is ongoing influences the way Catholics live (4 marks)

Q4: Explain two Christian beliefs about the importance of the resurrection of Jesus in redemption (5 marks)

KEY QUOTES:

- *The death, resurrection, ascension of Jesus: Gospels*
- *"If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" 1 Corinthians*
- *"On the day of Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit" Acts of the Apostles Chp2*



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KEY FACTS

THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

If I am Catholic I believe:

- A pilgrimage is a journey that has spiritual purpose, where the destination may be a sacred religious place.
- Popular pilgrimage sites are Jerusalem, Rome and Lourdes.

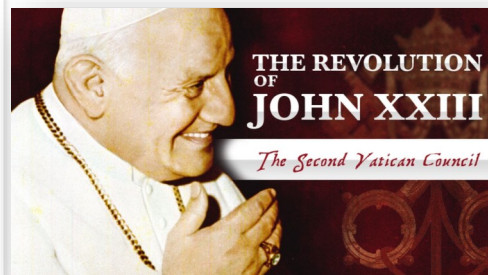


- The Stations of the Cross accompany Jesus on his final journey with a type of dramatized prayer (*prayer that involves actions*).
- The Kingdom of God refers not to a place but to the idea of God's authority and rule, and is seen among those who follow Jesus.
- The Kingdom of God was established through Jesus. It continues to grow today and will be completed at the end of time.
- The **Lord's Prayer** is the prayer that Jesus taught. It gives us an idea of what is required for God's Kingdom to grow on earth.
- Justice, peace & Reconciliation are signs of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is the perfect Kingdom and requires these three things.
- There is a hierarchy (ranking order) in the Catholic Church. The **Second Vatican Council** was a series of meetings held by the Pope and bishops in 1962 & 1965. This reflected a more **modern approach** to the Church.
- The **Magnificat** is the prayer that Mary said after she became pregnant with Jesus. It is seen as controversial Kingdom prayer as some people think it could inspire the poor and weak to rise up against their government as a means of spreading the Kingdom of God on earth.
- The four marks of the Church are **One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic**.
- The Church is **conciliar** because it makes important decisions through councils. The Church is also **pontifical** because the Pope has the highest authority. The church teaches that the weakest and poorest members of society should be supported and that economic exploitation should end, to help create a more equal society.
- A vocation is a call from God to take a certain role in life. Through Christian vocations of priesthood, family life and religious life people embrace Kingdom values such as serving others and showing love.



KEY VOCAB!

- PILGRIMAGE
- DRAMATISED PRAYER
- MISSION
- EVANGELISM
- KINGDOM OF GOD
- LORD'S PRAYER
- JUSTICE, PEACE, RECONCILIATION
- HIERARCHY
- SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL
- MAGNIFICAT
- APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION
- CONCILLAR
- PONTIFICAL
- VOCATION
- KINGDOM VALUES



SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Q3: Explain two of the main teachings from the 4 major documents produced by the Second Vatican Council (4 marks)

Q4: Explain two ways in which justice and peace are expressions of the Kingdom of God (5 marks)

KEY QUOTES:

- *Christians on Pilgrimage towards the heavenly city, should seek and think of these things which are above": **Gaudium et Spes***
- *"the church sincerely professes that all men....ought to work for the rightful betterment of this world in which all alike live" **Gaudium et Spes***
- *The Lord's Prayer*



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KEY FACTS

ESCHATOLOGY

If I am Catholic I believe:

- At the end of time everyone will be resurrected and judged by Christ. This judgement will confirm whether a person spends the rest of eternity in heaven & hell.
- 'The Last Judgement' is a painting by Michelangelo that depicts this event, which is known as the Final Judgement.
- Eschatology is the study of what will happen at the end of time. Jesus' resurrection is important for Eschatology, as Jesus is the only person who has been able to give some idea of what happens after death.
- The four last rites= death, judgement, heaven and hell are what all people face at the end of their life. We believe that when we die, we are judged by God and sent to either heaven & hell. The belief in the four last things encourages us to live good lives that are committed to God.
- After judgement, some people go through purgatory; a process of cleansing, which removes the effects of sin, to help a person accept the full presence of God.
- The parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus is a story in the Bible that tells of what happens to a rich man and a poor man in the afterlife. It teaches Christians about the nature of heaven & hell and what type of actions & behaviour might result in a person being sent to heaven & hell.
- The Catholic Church teaches that no-one is predestined to go to heaven or hell. Instead, the actions a person takes during their lifetime determine what happens to them after death.
- The Church teaches that no one knows when the end of time will happen, therefore we should constantly be striving to do good deeds and committing ourselves to God.
- The Anointing of the Sick is one of the Seven Sacraments which is given to a person who is seriously ill and may be facing death. The commendation of death is a short service that is held for a person who is dying. These last rites help to give a person who is sick or dying hope, strength, courage & forgiveness.
- The funeral is a ceremony to mourn a person who has died. Catholic funerals reflect hope that the deceased person has been judged favourably by God and is now experiencing the eternal happiness of heaven.
- Sanctity of Life= life is holy and sacred, because it has been created by God. This means all life should be respected, valued and cared for.
- The Catholic Church is against euthanasia (killing someone painlessly and with compassion in order to end their suffering).

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SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Q3: Explain two contrasting Christian beliefs about heaven and hell (4 marks)

Q4: Explain two beliefs about the afterlife that are expressed in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (5 marks)

KEY QUOTES:

- *So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.....if there is a physical body there is also a spiritual body" 1 Corinthians*
- *"Since we know not the day nor the hour, on our Lords advice we must be constantly vigilant" Lumen Gentium*

