

POP QUIZ ANSWER SHEET

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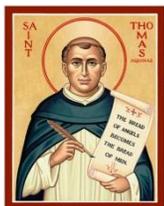
Q1. Which of these famous people are Catholic?

A. All of them!



Q2. Who was known as the "dumb ox" and became the patron saint of schools & students?

A. Saint Thomas Aquinas



St. Thomas Aquinas was born in Italy in 1225 to a wealthy family. As a young man, he decided to join the newly-formed Dominican Order. When his family learned of his decision, they locked him in their castle and held him captive for a year. During this time, they tried to keep him from joining the Dominicans.

His brothers even hired a prostitute to seduce him, but legend claims that Thomas drove her off with a fire iron. When his mother realized she could not sway her son, she arranged for his escape; she did not want it to appear as though she accepted his decision.

Thomas then attended a university, joined the Dominican Order, and went on to teach and write extensively. It was during his teaching years that Thomas wrote his most famous work, *Summa theologia*.

As a university student, Thomas was quiet and seldom spoke, leading other students to believe he was mentally delayed, but Albertus Magnus (Dominican friar and bishop) prophetically said, "*You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world.*"

[Adapted from information about Saint Thomas Aquinas at catholic.org]

Q3. What is the Church's teaching on body piercings and tattoos?

A. Neutral



According to the Church, there is nothing inherently immoral about having a tattoo or a piercing. What could make those things immoral would be the content, message, purpose, motivation. Piercings and tattoos are essentially viewed as morally neutral acts whose morality depends upon content, context, and circumstances.

However, the Church does warn against "mutilations" and would expect Catholics to be respectful of their bodies and not to do anything that would be viewed as unhealthy or dangerous. Bottom line: good judgment is needed.

[Answer compiled from information at Catholic.com and at bustedhalo.com]

Q4. True or False: Fr. Robert has his own blog.

A. True!



[Click here to check it out.](http://frbobs.blogspot.com/)
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Q5. What's the name of this statue located in the 'old wing' of St. Paul Church?

A. The Infant of Prague



The origin of the miraculous statue of the Infant of Prague is shrouded in legend. It is known, however, that it was brought from Spain to Prague in the 16th century and was enshrined there in Our Lady of Victory Church in 1628. Following a destructive invasion of the city and the church by the Turks, Father Cyril, one of the shrine's friars, was spoken to by the infant Jesus who encouraged him to repair the broken hands of this statue, promising "The more you honor me, the more I will bless you." -stmarysnewhaven.org

The [Parish of St. Mary](#) in New Haven CT continues to honor the infant Jesus the Dominican Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague, especially remembering those who have no one to help them and who share in His infancy – the unborn victims of abortion, the battered and unloved, the orphaned and the undernourished children of the world.

Q6. What is the mascot of Saint Paul School?

A. Lions!



The lion, a symbol of strength and dominance, is considered to be the king of all beasts. The lion has long been used as a symbol of power and courage in Christianity and has been ascribed to Christ himself, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah", as well as to others including St. Mark the Evangelist and St. Jerome.

Q7. What are the 7 Sorrows of the Blessed Mother?

A. The [Seven Sorrows](#) of Mary are as follows:

1. The prophecy of Simeon
2. The flight into Egypt
3. The loss of the Holy Child Jesus at Jerusalem for three days
4. Meeting Jesus carrying his Cross on His way to Calvary
5. Standing at the foot of the Cross during the Crucifixion
6. Jesus being taken down from the Cross
7. The burial of Christ