

Catholic Trivia 4-1 Answers:

1. For Catholics, the word *ecumenism* refers to all of the activities and initiatives of the Church and her members to promote mutual understanding and, ultimately, unity among all Christians. Vatican II wrote a *Decree on Ecumenism* and urged all Catholics to work toward understanding, cooperation and unity among all who believe that Jesus is Lord.
2. A **partial list** of Christian churches includes Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Pentecostal, Assemblies of God, United Church of Christ, Baptist. They all believe that Jesus is the Son of God; that he suffered, died and rose from the dead for our salvation; and that he will come again in glory.
3. While they believe in Jesus Christ and all that he taught, the Orthodox Churches (e.g., Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox) are not in union with the Catholic Church even though they have many of the same beliefs.
4. The **Eastern Catholic churches** are in full communion with the whole **Catholic Church**. While they accept the canonical authority of the Holy See of Rome, they retain their distinctive liturgical rites, laws, customs and traditional devotions, and have their own theological emphases. As presently defined, there are 24 Catholic Churches that can be grouped into eight different rites. (A few examples: Coptic, Maronite, Chaldean). **They are all fully Catholic** (just not Roman Catholic).
5. **Unitarians** (from Latin *unitas* “unity, oneness”) believe that the Christian God is one entity, as opposed to the Trinity, while most other branches of Christianity define God as one being in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Unitarian Christians, therefore, believe that Jesus was inspired by God in his moral teachings, and he is a savior, but he was not a deity or God incarnate.