

Catholic Trivia 6-13-25 Answers:

1. The Catholic edition of the Old Testament has 46 books.
2. The Catholic edition of the New Testament has 27 books, the same number as Protestant Bibles have.
3. There are 73 books in the Catholic edition of the Bible.
4. Protestant Bibles have only 39 books in the Old Testament, however, while Catholic Bibles have 46. The seven books included in Catholic Bibles are Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch.
5. When the early church settled the New Testament canon (officially recognized books), they used a Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, called the Septuagint, as the Old Testament. This was in common use in the first centuries of the early church. However, while that was commonly used, there was no actual set canon for the Hebrew Scriptures. Different Jewish groups included or excluded a variety of books. It wasn't until the Middle Ages that a formal canon was settled by Jews for their Scriptures. This canon excluded a number of books from the Greek Septuagint that were originally written in Aramaic and only kept those books that were originally written in Hebrew. What Martin Luther did was to adjust the Old Testament so that it only included those books that continued to be part of the Jewish Scriptures. Catholic and Orthodox churches continued to base the Old Testament on the Septuagint, and Protestants now base the Old Testament on the canon Jewish Scriptures.