

Catholic Trivia 9-18 Answers:

1. The election of a pope is conducted in conditions of secrecy. The cardinals are shut away in the Vatican until they reach agreement - the meaning of the word conclave indicating that they are literally locked up "with a key" (*con + clave*).
2. The 1492 conclave was the first **held in the Sistine Chapel** of the Apostolic Palace, the site of all conclaves since 1878. All but five papal conclaves since 1455 have been held in the Apostolic Palace.
3. For the duration of the enclave, the cardinals stay at the **Domus Sanctae Marthae**, a hotel-like residence in the Vatican with 131 bedrooms, a dining room and sitting rooms.
4. In the 1996 apostolic constitution governing the next conclave, John Paul II confirmed Paul VI's 1970 rule that cardinals over 80 do not vote for a new pope.
5. The shortest 20th-century conclave lasted one day (1939); it elected Pius XII. The longest one lasted five days (1903); it elected Pius X.