

### Catholic Trivia 9-4 Answers:

1. It wasn't until 1588 that the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes was officially created to help regulate this title and be more selective regarding the process of formal canonization. Few people have had the time to sort through even these several centuries of saints and come up with a tally of officially canonized saints. In general the range of answers to this question is between **1,000 and 8,000** saints. Some say **over 10,000**, in order to include the vast number of saints that have been canonized in the past few decades. For example, St. John Paul II canonized **482** saints, Pope Benedict XVI canonized **45** saints and Pope Francis has alone canonized **893** saints. These numbers are often high on account of "mass" canonizations, such as the canonization of 800 Italian martyrs by Pope Francis in 2013.
2. It is difficult to determine, but one source says there are **784 women saints** (<https://www.catholic.org/saints/female.php>)
3. The **alb** (from the Latin *albus*, meaning white), one of the liturgical vestments of the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Methodist churches, is an ample white garment coming down to the ankles and is usually girdled with a cincture (a type of belt, sometimes of rope similar to the type used with a monastic habit).
4. In describing the **Sacraments of Service to Communion**, the Catechism says: "Holy Orders and Matrimony, are directed towards the salvation of others; if they contribute as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that they do so. They confer a particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God." (CCC 1534)
5. An **atheist** doesn't believe in a god or divine being. ... However, an **agnostic** neither believes nor disbelieves in a god or religious doctrine. **Agnostics** assert that it's impossible for human beings to know anything about how the universe was created and if divine beings exist.