

NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Catholicism Compared to What We Believe Pt4
Doctrine of the Eucharist, Father, and Salvation
Scripture Text: Mark 7:6–9
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Addendum

Interesting Facts about Catholicism

<https://www.factretriever.com/catholicism-facts>

The Roman Catholic Church executed William Tyndale in 1536 for translating the Bible into English. He was not just executed: he was tried for heresy, choked, impaled, and burned on the stake. Roughly 83% of the New Testament in the King James Bible is Tyndale's translation. Additionally, roughly 76% of the Old Testament is his translation.

Brazil has the most Catholics in the world

The first printed Bible was printed under the supervision of the Catholic Church. It was printed by the Catholic inventor of the printing press: Johannes Gutenberg.

It was the Catholic Church that added modern-day chapters and numbered verses to the Bible.

The rosary is a primary signature of catholic devotion. The word "rosary" means "garland of roses." The rose is one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary, and the prayer of the rosary is very closely associated with her.[7]

The Big-Bang theory was proposed by a Catholic priest, Monsignor Georges Lemaitre.

More than 350 years after the Roman Catholic Church condemned Galileo, Pope John Paul II is poised to rectify one of the Church's most infamous wrongs -- the persecution of the Italian astronomer and physicist for proving the Earth moves around the Sun.

Michelangelo is the most famous and most accomplished Catholic artist in history. He created the Pietà, the sculptures of David and Moses, the frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, and the designs for St. Peter's Basilica.

The Vatican is the smallest sovereign state in the world.

Interesting Facts about Catholicism Part 2

Mary 1st Queen of England daughter of King Henry the VIII, was the fourth crowned monarch of the Tudor dynasty. Mary is remembered for briefly re-making England a Roman Catholic country. Mary had almost 300 disagreeing religious people burned at the stake. Due to this, many called her "Bloody Mary".

https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_I_of_England

The Spanish Inquisition was originally intended primarily to identify heretics among those who converted from Judaism and Islam to Catholicism. The regulation of the faith of newly converted Catholics was intensified after the royal decrees issued in 1492 and 1502 ordering Jews and Muslims to convert to Catholicism or leave Spain.

It became the most substantive of the three different manifestations of the wider Catholic Inquisition along with the Roman Inquisition and Portuguese Inquisition

According to modern estimates, around 150,000 were prosecuted for various offenses during the three centuries of duration of the Spanish Inquisition, out of which between 3,000 and 5,000 were executed. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Inquisition

The "Devil's Advocate" or *Advocate Diaboli*, is a real position within the Catholic Church.

Women are not allowed to become Roman Catholic priests.

During the High and Late Middle Ages, the Latin Roman Catholic Church sanctioned military campaigns called the Crusades.

The magical term "hocus pocus" comes from the most sacred moment in Catholic ritual: the consecration of the bread as the body of Christ by the priest speaking the words "This is my body," which in Latin is *Hoc est enim corpus meum*.

Xavier University in Louisiana is the only historically Black and Catholic University in the United States.

Interesting Facts about Catholicism Part 3

The fish, or ICHTHUS, is the symbol used by early Christians to identify themselves in times of persecution. In Greek, ICHTHUS (ΙΧΘΥΣ) is a monogram for the first five letters of the words “Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior.

Catholic health care institutions serve almost 80 million patients a year in the United States. Catholic hospitals constitute more than 10% of all hospitals in the country and receive about 15% of all hospital admissions.[[]

Catholic hospitals employ almost 750,000 people, about 15% of all hospital employees in the United States. Their total payroll is over \$20 billion.

The Catholic Church is the largest charitable organization in the U.S.

According to *The Economist*, spending by the Vatican and church-owned entities in the U.S. alone was about \$170 billion in 2010. To put this in perspective, *Slate* notes that for fiscal 2012, Apple had \$157 billion in revenue.

The molestation and rape of children by Catholic priests in America resulted in more than \$3.3 billion in settlements during the past 15 years, with \$1.3 billion of that in California.

The Sedlec Ossuary (“Church of Bones”) is a small Roman Catholic Chapel in the Czech Republic. It uses 40,000–70,000 human skeletons as decorations.

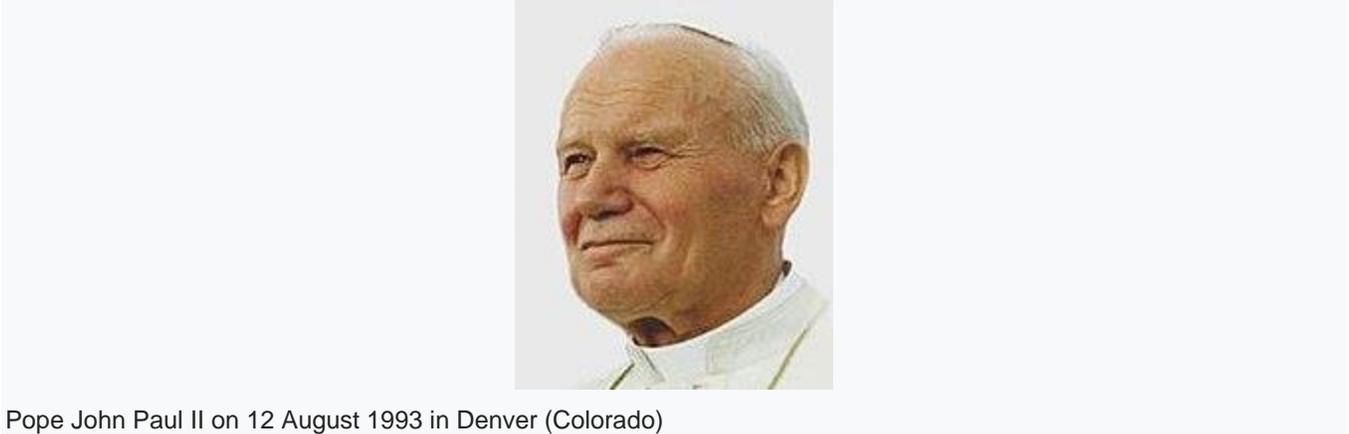
Unlike some American Protestant or evangelical religions, the Catholic Church does not reject the theory of evolution.

Catholics believe that during the Eucharist (or Holy Communion), the bread and water literally become the body and blood of Christ through transmutation.

Scholars note that the Roman Catholic Church is an extension of the Roman Empire and even has a similar structure to the Roman Empire, just with different names. For example, Roman vestal virgins were renamed nuns; Roman senators were renamed cardinals; Roman governors were renamed archbishops, and so on.

John F. Kennedy was the only Catholic president in American history.

The number of Catholic nuns has fallen dramatically, from a million worldwide in 1973 to just 710,000 today.



Pope John Paul II on 12 August 1993 in Denver (Colorado)

Pope John Paul II made many apologies. During his long reign as Pope, he apologized to almost everyone who had allegedly suffered at the hands of the **Catholic Church** over the years.^[1] As Pope, he officially made public apologies for over 100 of these wrongdoings, including:^{[2][3][4][5][6]}

- The legal process on the Italian scientist and philosopher **Galileo Galilei**, himself a devout Catholic, around 1633 (31 October 1992).^{[3][4][5][6][7]}
- Catholics' involvement with the **African slave trade** (9 August 1993).^{[3][4][5][6]}
- The Church's role in **burnings at the stake** and the **religious wars** that followed the **Protestant Reformation** (May 1995, in the **Czech Republic**).^{[3][4][5][6]}
- The injustices committed against women, the violation of women's rights and for the historical denigration of women (29 May 1995, in a "letter to women").^{[2][3][4][5][6]}
- The inactivity and silence of many Catholics during the **Holocaust** (16 March 1998).^{[3][4][5][8][9]}
- For the execution of **Jan Hus** in 1415 (18 December 1999 in **Prague**). When John Paul II visited Prague in 1990s, he requested experts in this matter "to define with greater clarity the position held by Jan Hus among the Church's reformers.
- For the sins of Catholics throughout the ages for violating "the rights of **ethnic groups** and peoples, and [for showing] contempt for their cultures and religious traditions". (12 March 2000, during a public Mass of Pardons).^{[3][4][5][6]}
- For the actions of the **Crusader attack on Constantinople** in 1204. To the **Patriarch of Constantinople** he said "Some memories are especially painful, and some events of the distant past have left deep wounds in the minds and hearts of people to this day.
- On 20 November 2001, from a laptop in the Vatican, Pope John Paul II sent his first e-mail apologizing for the **Catholic sex abuse cases**, the Church-backed "**Stolen Generations**" of Aboriginal children in Australia, and to **China** for the behavior of Catholic missionaries in **colonial times**.^[10]

An excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie, for an excuse is a lie guarded.

— *Pope John Paul II* ^[11]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_apologies_made_by_Pope_John_Paul_II