

Confirmation Church History Worksheet

The First Thousand Years

Edict of Milan	Emperor Constantine	Emperor Nero	Emperor Diocletian
Athanasius	Pentecost	James	Revelation
Antioch	Peter	Stephen	Council of Nicaea
St. Patrick	Tertullian	Polycarp	Orthodox
Vulgate	Charlemagne	Baptism	Augustine
Jerusalem	Rome	Benedict	Trinity
John	Paul	Patmos	Acts
Catholic	James Ossuary	St. Nicholas	Apostles Creed
Didache	Boniface	Jerome	Lord's Prayer
A.D. 1054	A.D. 30	A.D. 325	A.D. 70

- 1.) The Church was born in the year _____ on the day called _____ when the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' disciples who were gathered together in the city of _____. This is recorded in the New Testament in _____ chapter 2.
- 2.) _____, the half brother of Jesus, was the first leader of the Early Church in Jerusalem.
- 3.) The first Christian to die as a martyr for his faith was _____.
- 4.) The Apostle _____ had once been an enemy of the Church, but converted following a vision of the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He later became a great missionary spreading the faith in from Asia Minor to the city of _____. Paul also wrote a number of letters to his infant churches that we call the epistles. He died as a martyr in the city of _____ in A.D. 67.
- 5.) In the city of _____ the term "Christian" was used for the first time to designate a follower of Jesus.
- 6.) _____ began the first persecution of Christians in Rome in the year A.D. 64.
- 7.) The Apostle _____ is regarded as the first bishop of the city of _____ and is regarded as the first pope by the Roman Catholic Church. He wrote two epistles which bear his name. He died as a martyr in A.D. 67 in the city of _____ where he was crucified upside down.
- 8.) The city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in the year _____. At that time, the Temple was destroyed.
- 9.) The Apostle _____ wrote the last book of the Bible called _____ in the year A.D. 95 while exiled on the island of _____.
- 10.) The _____, an instruction manual for new converts, written by the Early Church around the time the New Testament was written, is important because it contains the first record of the _____ outside of the Bible, teaches how much water should be used in _____, and defines the Early Church's teaching on abortion. This little book's teaching was so important in the life of the Early Church it was almost included in the Bible.
- 11.) The _____ is an ancient bone box dating back to the first century A.D. that is believed to have contained the bones of Jesus' half brother, and bears the inscription, "James, son of Joseph brother of Jesus," which some believe is the oldest physical archaeological evidence that Jesus Christ existed outside of the Bible.

- 12.) The Creed written by the Early Church in Rome between 150 and 300 A.D. is called the _____. It is the most widely used creed by Christians around the world.
- 13.) In A.D. 156 _____, the bishop of Smyrna and a disciple of the Apostle John, is burned at the stake.
- 14.) In A.D. 196 _____'s writings clarify the concepts of the Trinity and original sin.
- 15.) In A.D. 311 _____ begins the worst persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire.
- 16.) In A.D. 312 _____ is converted to Christianity. He issued the _____ in A.D. 313 which legalized Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. In _____ he called the _____, a meeting of Christian pastors from all around the Empire, to write the Nicene Creed.
- 17.) _____, bishop of Myra, who was imprisoned for his faith under the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian, became famous for his giving to poor children. He was a delegate who attended the Council of Nicaea and helped write the Nicene Creed.
- 18.) The 27 canonical books of the New Testament are finally compiled by _____ of Alexandria in the year A.D. 367.
- 19.) _____ is considered the greatest Early Church theologian since the Apostle Paul. He wrote the book "City of God" in A.D. 412.
- 20.) _____ translates the Scriptures into Latin called the _____ Bible in A.D. 405. It becomes the standard text of the Bible for the next 1,000 years.
- 21.) In A.D. 432 _____ travels as a missionary to Ireland to convert the people to Christianity. He uses the shamrock to teach them the concept of the _____.
- 22.) The first organized monastic order was created by _____ in the year A.D. 529.
- 23.) _____ serves as a Christian missionary to Germany in A.D. 716, paving the way for the coming Holy Roman Empire.
- 24.) In 800 A.D. Pope Leo III crowns _____ as the first emperor of the Holy Roman Empire bringing political unity to Europe.
- 25.) In _____ the Church splits apart creating the Roman _____ Church in the West and the Eastern _____ Church in the East. This is called the Great Schism.