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There are 140 Catholic churches in Montreal  There are 4,100 priests in Korea  *Who is God* was the most searched for query in Google in 2007  There were 1.31 billion Catholics in 2006, the latest census data, a 1.4% increase from 2005  Cincture - Rope belt with three knots worn by Franciscan monks.  The knots represent the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.  3,500,000 teachers in 250,000 Catholic schools worldwide teach 42,000,000 pupils  Saint Dismas was the good thief crucified with Jesus  As of December, 2007, the Vatican has diplomatic relations with 176 countries  There are more Catholics in the U. S. Congress than any other religion  Archdiocese of New York has 2.5MM parishioners, 410 parishes, 279 schools, and extends 108 miles  Zucchetto is the name of a Catholic cleric's skullcap   |  |  | | --- | --- | | bullet | Pope - white | | bullet | Cardinal - scarlet | | bullet | Bishop - purple | | bullet | Priest - black |   Citizens of the Catholic country Monaco are not allowed to gamble within Monaco, a country known for its casinos.  Monegasques pay no income tax.  Feeling pent-up in the Vatican, Pope John Paul II snuck out to ski and hike in the Italian Alps over 100 times before being discovered by a 10-year-old boy who pointed at Pope John Paul II and shouted, "The pope!  The pope!"  In 2005, there were 1.12 billion Catholics, up 1.5% from 2004.  There were 406,411 priests, +.01%/520 priests,  Asia (+3.8%) and Africa (+3.6%) registered the greatest increases in vocations while Europe and the Americas showed a decline in vocations of -.05% and Oceania decreased -1.8%.  Africa has 20.3% of the world's priests, Europe has 48.8%, Americas 30% and Oceanea 1%.  Peruvian bishops caution the faithful that Confession cannot be heard over the internet citing *Canon Law*964 which requires the physical presence of both the penitent and confessor  Indult is special permission  [**Saint Vitus**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/SaintVitus.htm) is the Patron Saint Against Oversleeping  Sunday night Mass is the most popular Mass time for Australian Catholics aged 16-29  Catholics are 25% of the United States' military  [**Saint Médard**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/SaintMedard.htm)is the Patron Saint Against Bad Weather  [**Saint Matilda**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/SaintMatilda.htm) is the Patron Saint of Misbehaving Children  In 2002, 938 Catholics became martyrs  Albania is 13% Catholic  Croatia is 88% Catholic  Germany is 34% Catholic  Holy Land is 2% Catholic  Italy is 83% Catholic  Ivory Coast is 16.5% Catholic  Japan is 1.5% Catholic  Malta is 99% Catholic.  South Korea is 8% Catholic  Spain is 95% Catholic  Sweden is 2% Catholic  Tajikistan is 2%  Catholic  Our Lady of Altagracia is the Patron Saint of the Dominican Republic  Saint Fiacre, an Irish-born monk, is the Patron Saint of Gardening.  Saint Fiacre healed the sick with herbs from his garden and grew food for the poor  3% of Iraq is Roman Catholic.  The Catholic Church has been in Iraq for 400 years.  The pope's license plate number is SCV 1  Charles Carroll was the only Catholic to sign the United States Declaration of Independence  Saint Gianna Beretta Molla -Patron saint of working mothers  85% of the Philippines is Roman Catholic  In 2000 there were 801,185 nuns worldwide compared to 968,526 in 1975  In 2003 there were 73,316nuns in the U. S. compared to 179,954 in 1965  According to the 2002 census, Buncrana was named the most Catholic town in the Republic of Ireland at 94.3%.  The Republic of Ireland was 88.4% Catholic in 2002.  September 2003 U. S. Catholic school enrollmentwas 2,484,252 students  Vatican has 900 citizens and 3,000 employees  Simony is the purchase or sale of sacred or spiritual things and was halted by[**Pope Nicholas II**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/PopeNicholasII.htm) in 1059  26 persons: One bishop, 20 priests, 4 religious, and a Catholic lay person weremartyred during 2005  \*  United States Catholic 2002 Statistics:  66.4 million U. S. Catholics - 23% of U. S. population  208 U. S. archdioceses and dioceses  29,715 U. S. diocesan priests  14,772 U. S. priests in religious orders  449 new U. S. priests  74,698 U. S. sisters  5,568 U. S. brothers  14,106 U. S. deacons  226 Catholic orphanages serving 714,253 youngsters  241,727 new marriages  1,605,490 infant baptisms  81,043 adult baptisms  897,635 First Communions  637,705 Confirmations  686,651 Catholic high school students  1,900,000 Catholic elementary students  585 Catholic hospitals serving 84,000,000  patients  \*  The number of U. S. Catholic clergy declined during 1981-2001 from 58,534 to 45,713 while the U. S. Catholic population grew by 14,000,000/27%.  Saint Monica wasSaint Augustine's mother  40 is the mystical number signifying penance.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | bullet | Flood - 40 days and 40 nights | | bullet | Israelites condemed to roam the desert - 40 years | | bullet | Moses fasted on Mount Sinai - 40 days | | bullet | Elias - fasted for 40 days and 40 nights | | bullet | Jesus - fasted for 40 days in the desert | | bullet | Saint Francis of Assisi - fasted for 40 days after which he received the stigmata |   Chrism Mass. This Mass celebrates the first Eucharist shared with the Apostles by which Jesus asked for priestly vocations.  Priests renew their vows at a Chrism Mass  From November, 1964, Catholics could eat meat on Friday  Old St. Peter's Church (16 Barclay Street, New York, NY 10007), where Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was baptized and made her First Holy Communion, is the oldest Catholic parish in New York State  What makes for an authentic Catholic Church catechism?  The Pope's introductory letter  [**Saint Gertrude of Nivelles**](http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/saintg14.htm)is the Patron Saint of Cats  [**Saint Roch**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/SaintRoch.htm) is the Patron Saint of Dogs  Diocese of Brooklyn has 1.8 million Catholics  Fides is the Vatican's missionary news service  \*  Worldwide 2001 Catholic Statistics:  1,060,840,000 Catholics, a gain of 15,783,000 from year 2000  Europe - 280,589,00, a gain of 455,000 from year 2000  Oceana - 8,320,000, a gain of 511,000 from year 2000  Africa - 135,660,000, a gain of 5,642,000 from year 2000  Asia - 108,168,000, a gain of 866,000 from year 2000  Americas - 528,103,000, a gain of 8,712,000 from year 2000  Worldwide 2002 Catholic Statistics:  1.07 billion Catholics  62.4% in the Americas  40.5% in Europe  26.8% in Oceania  16.5% in Africa  3% in Asia  \* |  | The Catholic Church owns about 237,000 acres in America  U. S. Catholicsm grew by 1.5% in 2009 with 68 million Catholics - more than any other U. S. religion.  Savannah, once the capital of Georgia, was begun by Englishman James Oglethorpe and a 1732 Royal Charter as a colony which did not accept Catholics, rum, or slaves  [Pope Benedict XVI is wearing a saturno](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/CatholicFunFacts.htm)  The hat Pope Benedict XVI is wearing has been nicknamed saturno/Saturn Hat because it resembles the rings around the planet Saturn.  Magna Carta, signed by King John of England in 1215, removed the king's power over the Church  Mississippi is the most religious state in the U. S. and Vermonters are the least religious  *Augustiner,*the oldest and considered the best beer in Munich, Germany, was first brewed by Augustinian monks in 1328  There are 8,847 Roman Catholic schools in France  Need a prescription, laboratory test, x-ray or ultrasound at the Vatican?  That'll be 75 cents, please.  The Vatican consists of 108 acres  Jesuit Father José Gabriel Funes, Director of the Vatican Observatory, states that there may be intelligent life on other planets, and they would be God's children too  There are 2.2 million Catholics in Pakistan  Which countries have themost Catholics?  Brazil, Mexico and the United States.  The United States has moreCatholic colleges and universities than any other country:  213.  The first Mass in the English-speaking American colonies was held on Saint Clement's Island in Maryland on March 25, 1634, and was the beginning of the Archdiocese of Washington  Looking for a spouse?  Pray to Saint Raphael, the Patron Saint of Happy Meetings, advises the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: "You were sent by God to guide young Tobias in choosing a good and virtuous spouse. Please help me in this important choice which will affect my whole future."  Prayer For the Choice of a Good Spouse  "Saint Raphael, you were sent by God to guide young Tobias in choosing a good and virtuous spouse. Please help me in this important choice which will affect my whole future. You not only directed Tobias in finding a wife, but you also gave him guidelines which should be foremost in every Christian marriage: *Pray together before making important decisions.*  Amen"  What did Catholic mobster Al Capone's business card list as his occupation?  "Used Car Salesman."  The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops settles between one-fourth and one third of allrefugees into the United States  In 2002, 56,236 annulmentswere approved worldwide, 30,968 of which were in North America  From 1982 to 1984, 80% of American annulmentsappealed to the Vatican Rota were reversed  Sent by King Charles of Spain in 1769, Franciscan Friar Junipero Serra founded San Diego de Alcala, the first Californian mission  There were 24 missionaries martyred in 2006  White Mass is said for physicians  Pope John Paul II's favorite movie was *Life is Beautiful*  Spain has a population of 41 million, 94% of whom are Catholic.  Spain has 22,670 Catholic parishes with 27,730 priests.  Poland has 9,990 parishes and 28,000 priests  On January 14, 1506, Pope Julius II purchased *Laocoon,*the first artwork acquired by the Vatican Museums,from a Roman vineyard. According to Greek mythology, Laocoon was a priest who tried to convince Troy not to accept the Greek gift of a hollow horse.  Marconi began Vatican Radiounder Pope Pius XI  [**Saint Maximillian Mary Kolbe**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/SaintMaximillianMaryKolbe.htm) is the Patron Saint Against Drug Addiction  Scotland is 16% Roman Catholic  Polka Masses are popular in Minnesota  Between 43% and 48% of Catholics attend Mass every Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto  There are 195 U. S. dioceses and eparcies (Eastern rite churches)  An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due for sins committed.  In 2003, 100,345 Catholics went to prison for their faith  Diocese of St. Joseph of Irkutsk in Siberia is the largest diocese with 10 million square kilometers.  The Diocese of St. Joseph of Irkutsk has 100 parishes serving 50,000 Catholics.  Delores Hart, film actress who appeared in 1957 Elvis film *Loving You*, became a nun  In Antioch, Syria, the disciples first took the name "Christians."  In 2000 there were 46,092 marriage annulments granted out of 56,236 ordinary processes worldwide  Madonna della Strada (Our Lady of the Street) is them atron saint of Rome's street sweepers and taxi drivers  The Eucharist lasts about 15 minutes after being consumed.  Food, drink, smoking  etcetera should wait during this time as we Catholics reflect. (There is a one hour fast before receiving Communion)  Saint Clare is the Patron Saint of Television.  60% of Slovakia is Roman Catholic  17.3% of the world'spopulation is Roman Catholic  In 2003, 9.1% of Koreanswere Roman Catholic  Father Augustine Tolton was the first person whose both parents were African American to become a Catholic priest in America.  Father Tolton was born into a Catholic slave family in 1854 in Missouri.  Prior to that, three Healy brothers were priests.  The Healy brothers' father was an Irish Catholic Georgian slaveholder and their mother was an African slave.  Saint Raphael the Archangelis the Patron Saint Against Nightmares and Eye Diseases  Saint Genesius and Saint Vitus are the Patron Saints of Actors  Saint James the Apostle is buried in the Cathedral of Santiago in Santiago de Compostela, Spain  Poland is 90% Roman Catholic  Brazil has the most Catholics with 125 million  Olive trees were used forcrucifixion  Red Mass - Mass for law courts and lawyers  The Second Vatican Councilopened on October 11, 1962  Saint John the Baptistparents were Elizabeth and Zachary.  Saint Elizabeth was Mary's cousin.  Saint John the Baptist was a disciple of Saint John the Apostle.  Seven cardinal virtues are faith, hope, charity, temperance, prudence, fortitude and justice  [**Saint Isidore of Seville**](http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/sainti04.htm) is the proposed patron saint of internet users  Bishop administers theSacrament of Confirmation  Interregnum.  The time between the death and the replacement of a bishop  The Church in the United States was established on November 6, 1789 by Pope Pius VI  There is no funeral massduring Holy Week  Legion of Decency. Media self-control group disbanded by Vatican II  Brooklyn, New York  is known as *The Borough of Churches.*  The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from burning the previous year's blessed palms  Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday  A Benedictine monk, Saint Bede the Venerable, first used A. D. (*Anno Domini*)  In 1834 Pope Gregory XVIestablished the Diocese of Vincennes encompassing all of Indiana and eastern Illinois including Chicago  Saint Joaquim and Saint Anne were Jesus' maternal grandparents  Catholic Charities, USA, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia (703) 549-1390, was founded in 1910 and had total FY2000 (latest available) income (in millions) of $2,621.2, of which $390.0  was from public support. 87.8%  was used for programs, and the highest paid official earned $108,264 in compensation and benefits. (Not rated by charity watchdogs AIP and Charity Navigator; received highest rating from Wise Giving Alliance.)  Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (215) 567-7000, was founded in 1945 and had total FY2002 income (in millions) of $201.4 of which $102.9 was from public support. 80.8% was used for programs, and the highest paid official earned $239,000 in compensation and benefits.  Received highest possible rating from each of three charity watchdogs. (AIP, Wise Giving Alliance and Charity Navigator)  Catholic Relief Services, headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland (800) 235-2772, was founded in 1943 and had total FY2002 income (in millions) of $262.2, of which $111.8 was from public support. 98% was used for programs, and the highest paid official earned $242,799 in compensation and benefits. (Received A- from charity watchdog AIP, highest rating from Wise Giving Alliance, and was not rated by Charity Navigator.)  [**Saint Vivian (Saint Bibiana)**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/SaintVivian.htm) is the Patron Saint of Single Lay Women.  Her Feast Day is December 2  Matthew means "Gift from God"  Blessed Mother's birthday is September 8  [**Saint Jerome**](http://www.culturalcatholic.com/SaintJerome.htm) is the Patron Saint Against Anger  Saint Barbara is the Patron Saint Against Death by Artillery and the Patron Saint Against Mine Collapse  Magesterium - the bishops in communion with the pope  Seth was Adam and Eve's third son  Saint Paul the Apostle is thePatron Saint of Writers and Public Relations  Saint Mark the Evangelist is the Patron Saint of Insect Bites and the Patron Saint of Venice  Saint Michael the Archangel is the Patron Saint of Police Officers  Apostles Peter and Andrew were brothers and Apostles James and John werebrothers  Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of both Scotland and Russia  Saint Charles Borromeo is the Patron Saint Against Ulcers | | | | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |

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Rich Donnelly - Coach Milwaukee Brewers   
Roger Maris - St. Louis Cardinals   
Sammy Sosa - Texas Rangers   
Mark McGwire - St. Louis Cardinals   
Nomar Garciaparra - Los Angeles Dodgers   
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Whitey Ford - New York Yankees   
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Barry Bonds - San Francisco Giants   
Babe Ruth - Babe Ruth  
John McEnroe- Tennis   
Rafael Nadal - Tennis   
Roger Federer - Tennis  
Dan Marino - Miami Dolphins   
Brett Favre - New York Jets (2008-present)   
Vince Lombardi - Head coach Green Bay Packers   
Jim MacMahon - Chicago Bears   
Don Shula - Former coach Miami Dolphins   
Knute Rockne - Coach Notre Dame   
Eddie McCaffrey - Denver Broncos WR   
Mike Shannahan - Denver Broncos Head Coach   
Bob Griese - Miami Dolphins   
Brian Griese - Former Denver Broncos QB & Miami QB   
Joe Montana - 49ers   
Chris Godfrey - New York Giants  
Jim Thorpe - Pentathlon, Decathlon, American Football, Baseball and Basketball (Olympian)  
Cathy Rigby - Gymnast  
Tara Lipinski - Olympic Gold-medalist Figure Skater   
Tim Goebel - Figure Skater   
Nancy Kerrigan - Olympic Silver and Bronze-medalist Figure Skater  
Jose Antonio Reyes- Arsenal F.C, Spain   
Cristiano Ronaldo - Portugal, Manchester United   
Mateja Kezman (Serbia and Montenegra, Chelsea F.C.   
Rui Costa - Portugal, AC Milan   
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Nuno Gomez - Portugal, Benefica   
Majority of Argentina National Team is Roman Catholic   
98% of Portugal National Team is Roman Catholic   
Ronaldhinio- Brazil, FC Barcelona   
Pele - Brazilian soccer player  
Patrick Ewing - New York Knicks   
Reggie Miller - Indiana Pacers   
John Stockton - Utah Jazz   
Kerry Kittles - Los Angeles Clippers   
Vince Carter - Toronto Raptors  
John Andretti - NASCAR  
Guy Lafleur - Montreal Canadians

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