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- 1) Our family is made up of every race.

World Fact Book

- 2) We are young and old,

See below:

U.S. Census Bureau demographics of religion in the US

- 3) Rich and poor, men and women

See above

- 4) sinners and saints.

St. Augustine: Sermon 38 on the New Testament

- 5) Our family has spanned the centuries
...and the globe.

See the US Census Bureau fact page above for geographical distribution of Catholics; see <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01648b.htm> for info on the 2000-year span of Catholic history.

- 6) With God's grace, we started hospitals to care for the sick.

Catholic Encyclopedia

- 7) We establish orphanages, and help the poor.

Catholic Encyclopedia

- 8) We are the largest charitable organization on the planet, bringing relief and comfort to those in need.

http://www.forbes.com/lists/2005/14/Revenue_1.html Just Catholic Charities, Food for the Poor, Catholic Relief Services, St. Jude's, and America's Second Harvest alone total \$5,570,000,000, which is greater than #1 on the list for America. Keep going down the list and you find Father Flanagan's homes, Catholic Medical Mission Board, Covenant House, and more. Add the thousands of other charities, from Missionaries to the Poor, Amigos for Christ, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, to religious orders (like Missionaries of Charity) & individual parishes who often do their work in anonymity, and you will see some of the charitable works of the Catholic Church.

Business Week (scroll down to "charities")

[Largest charity in Australia](#)

- 9) We educate more children than any other scholarly or religious institution.

<http://cara.georgetown.edu/bulletin/index.htm>

- 10) We developed the scientific method....

Source: From *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization* by Dr. Thomas Woods, page 94 and following:

"Roger Bacon, a Franciscan who taught at Oxford, was admired for his work in mathematics and optics, and is considered to be a forerunner of modern scientific method."

"Like Roger Bacon, Saint Albert [the Great] was careful to note the importance of direct observation in the acquisition of knowledge about the physical world. In *De Mineralibus*, he explained that the aim of natural science was 'not simply to accept the statements of others, that is, what is narrated by people, but to investigate the causes that are at work in nature for themselves.'"

"Robert Grosseteste...bishop of Lincoln...has been called the first man ever to write down a complete set of steps for performing a scientific experiment."

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13598b.htm>

"If a believer cannot be a scientist, as is maintained, then all the great scientists must be unbelievers. In spite of its boldness the assertion is made, in order to save the appearance of consistency. The fact is, however, that up to the French Revolution, when Voltaire and Rousseau drew the last consequences from Atheism, the great scientists, almost to a man, speak with great reverence of God and of His wonderful Creation. Is it necessary to mention Copernicus, Kepler, Galilei, Tycho Brahe, Newton, Huyghens, Boyle, Haller, Mariotte, the Bernoullis, Euler, Linné, and many others? Since it is often the advocates of the glorious principles of 1789 that never tire of recounting the tragedy of Galilei, we beg to remind them of the great chemist Lavoisier, who died faithful to his Church under the guillotine, while the free-thinkers raised the cry: "Nous n'avous plus besoin de chimistes" [see "Etudes", cxxiii (Paris, 1910), 834 sqq.]. For the time after the French Revolution we find in Kneller's volume (see below) the names of a glorious array of believing scientists, taken only from the branch of natural sciences. According to Donat ("Die Freiheit der Wissenschaft", Innsbruck, 1910, p. 251) among the 8847 scientists enumerated in Poggendorff's "Biographisch-Literarisches Handwörterbuch" (Leipzig, 1863) there are no less than 862 Catholic clergymen, or nearly ten per cent of the number" (Catholic Encyclopedia, "Science and the Church," J.G. Hagen, available at <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13598b.htm>).

See also:

Notable Catholic scientists:

<http://www.catholicbook.com/AgredaCD/MyCatholicFaith/mcfc014a.htm>

"St. Albertus Magnus," D.J. Kennedy, Catholic Encyclopedia,

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01264a.htm>

"Albert was assiduous in cultivating the natural [sciences](#); he was an authority on physics, geography, astronomy, mineralogy, chemistry (*alchimia*), zoölogy, physiology, and even phrenology. On all these subjects his erudition was vast, and many of his observations are of permanent value..."

"Roger Bacon," Theophilus Witzle, Catholic Encyclopedia,
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13111b.htm>

10.....and laws of evidence.

Source: From *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization* by Dr. Thomas Woods, page 187 and following:

"...Cases like this have led legal scholar Harold Berman to observe that modern Western legal systems 'are a secular residue of religious attitudes and assumptions which historically found expression first in the liturgy and rituals and doctrines of the church and thereafter in the institutions and concepts and values of the law...'"
(Berman's work: *Law and Revolution: The Formation of the Western Legal Tradition*)

"The idea of rights is one of the most distinctive aspects of Western civilization, and scholars are increasingly coming to acknowledge that it, too, comes to us from the Church." (page 198)

"Thus it was in the Church's canon law that the West saw the first example of a modern legal system, and it was in light of that model that the modern Western legal tradition took shape." (page 201)

10) We founded the college system.

The Catholic Encyclopedia, "Universities," Edward A. Pace,
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15188a.htm>.

Ibid., "Schools: in the Church," Wilfrid Ryan, Philippe Perrier, Michael Maher, Andrew Murphy, William Turner and J.A. Burns,
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13554b.htm>.

11) We defend the dignity of all human life, and uphold marriage and family.

Sources: Vatican

Catechism of the Catholic Church: 2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

12) Cities were named after our revered saints, who navigated a sacred path before us.

St. Louis, MO, St. Paul, MI, St. Augustine, FL, San Antonio, TX, etc.

13) Guided by the Holy Spirit, we compiled the Bible [I.E. THE NEW TESTAMENT].

We are transformed by sacred scripture and sacred Tradition, which have consistently guided us for 2,000 years.

Source: [Catholic Encyclopedia](#)

14) We are..... the Catholic Church...
with over one billion in our family
sharing in the sacraments and fullness of Christian faith.

Source: Adherents.com

15) For centuries, we have prayed for you and our world,
every hour of every day, whenever we celebrate the mass.

[Source: Catholic Encyclopedia](#)

16) Jesus, Himself, laid the foundation for our faith
when He said to Peter, the first pope, “You are rock,
and upon this rock I will build My Church.”

Source: Matthew 16:18-19

[Who Founded Your Church?](#)

17) For over 2,000 years, we have had an unbroken line of shepherds
guiding the Catholic Church with love and truth, in a confused and hurting
world.

[Source: Catholic Encyclopedia](#)

And in this world filled with chaos,
hardship and pain,
it's comforting to know that some things remain
consistent, true, and strong,
our Catholic faith,
and the eternal love that God has for all creation.

*If you've been away from the Catholic Church,
we invite you to take another look.*

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our Lord and Savior.

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