

Catholic Trivia

For Five Points: Name Corporal Works of Mercy

By Cindy Wooden

Washington (NC) -- Whether male or female, it only takes 50 steps to get from the back of the church to the altar, and each person has 480 chances.

Those interested in getting to the head of the church may take seven steps forward for knowing the corporal works of mercy or five for knowing the name of the instrument used for liturgical blessings with holy water.

(The corporal works of mercy are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and bury the dead. An aspergillum is used for sprinkling rites.)

"Knowing Your Faith," a game of Catholic "essential" trivia, is not an attempt to roll back religious education 20 years, said Claretian Father Ron Luka, who designed the game.

"Fortunately, many people are living their faith more deeply than they know it," Father Luka said in Washington. But for those who want to get back to the "so-called basics of the faith," the game may be helpful.

Besides questions which could be found in a middle-aged parent's old religion text, Father Luka has included questions related to social justice and others which "reflect current developments in theology." For example, two

points are awarded for successfully identifying the Berrigan brothers.

(Father Luka's answer: The Berrigans are "two priests who were leaders in the Catholic opposition to the Vietnam War and are in the forefront of the peace movement.")

He said that while the game can be used during religious education classes, it is designed for family use at home. The game is not a test, he said, but a tool and it can "provide an atmosphere for religious conversation."

Players, ages 8 and older, advance on a scorecard, which is an illustration of a church interior. Players move from the back pew to the sanctuary ("the area immediately around the altar," according to question J 38) after correctly answering a question.

Father Luka has master's degrees in theology and sociology from the Catholic University of America and lives at the Claretian provincialate in Oak Park, Ill. He works full-time writing and preaching parish missions.

The game includes a book of 480 questions and answers in 10 categories -- Bible quotes, Bible facts, Christian beliefs, Christian prayer, Christian living, other religions, religious people, religious quotes, religious places and religious things.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Acquavella of Arlington, Va., and their children Joe and Nancy engage in the Catholic trivia game. (NC Photo by Bob Strawn)

Host Family Meeting Scheduled

The Irish Children's Program will sponsor their final prospective host family informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at Emmanuel Evangelical Covenant Church, 319 Browncroft Blvd.

The program, a non-profit organization, brought 30 children last year to the Rochester area from war-torn Belfast, Northern Ireland, for six weeks this past summer.

For further information, contact the Irish Children's Program, P.O. Box 923, Fairport, 14450; or call Mark and Diane Weisskopf at 671-2634.

Applications to be a host family will be available only at the meeting. They will not be sent in the mail or cannot be picked up at another location.

Anyone interested in helping to bring Irish children to Rochester for the summer is invited. The program needs fund raising and public relations help, as well as assistance in various other activities.

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Recent Movie Ratings

New York (NC) -- Here is a list of recent films which the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication has rated on the basis of moral suitability. The first symbol after each title is the USCC rating. The second symbol is the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.

These are the USCC symbols and their meanings: A-I -- general patronage; A-II -- adults and adolescents; A-III -- adults; A-IV -- adults, with reservations (an A-IV classification is for certain films which, while not morally offensive in themselves, require caution and some analysis and explanation as a protection to the uninformed against wrong interpretations and false conclusions); O -- morally offensive. The word "recommended" appears behind the titles of those films that merit such a designation.

Here are the Motion Picture Association of America symbols and their meanings: G -- general audiences, all ages admitted; PG -- parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children; R, restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian; X -- no one under 17 admitted (age limit may vary in certain areas).

- All the Right Moves, O (R)
- Amityville 3-D, A-III (P)
- Ballad of Gregorio Cortez, A-II (PG) (Recommended)
- Betrayal, A-II (R)
- Beyond the Limit, O (R)
- The Big Chill, A-III (R)
- The Black Stallion Returns, A-I (PG)
- Blue Thunder, O (R)
- Brainstorm, A-III (PG)
- Breathless, O (R)
- Bugs Bunny 3rd Movie: 1001 Rabbit Tales, A-I (G)
- Christine, O (R)
- A Christmas Story, A-II (PG)
- Class, O (R)
- Cross Creek, A-II (PG)
- Cujo, A-III (R)
- D.C. Cab, O (R)
- Daniel, A-III (R)
- The Dark Crystal, A-I (PG)
- The Dead Zone, A-III (R)
- Deal of the Century, A-III (PG)
- Deep in the Heart, O (R)
- The Draughtman's Contract, O (R)
- The Dresser, A-II (PG)
- Easy Money, O (PG)
- Eddie and the Cruisers, A-II (PG)
- Educating Rita, A-III (PG)
- Fanny and Alexander, A-IV (R)
- Fast Times at Ridgemont High, O (R)
- Final Option, A-III (R)
- Fire and Ice, O (PG)
- Flashdance, O (R)
- 48 Hours, O (R)
- Frances, A-IV (R)
- Gandhi, A-II (PG) (Recommended)
- Going Berserk, O (R)
- The Golden Seal, A-II (PG)
- Gorky Park, A-IV (R)
- The Grey Fox, A-III (PG)
- Hammert, A-II (PG)
- Heart Like a Wheel, A-III (PG)
- Hercules, A-II (PG)
- I Am the Cheese, A-II (PG)
- Jaws 3-D, A-III (PG)
- Joni, A-I (G)
- The Jupiter Menace, A-II (PG)

- The Keep, O (R)
- The King of Comedy, A-II (PG)
- Krull, A-II (PG)
- Lianna, O (R)
- The Lonely Lady, O (R)
- The Lords of Discipline, A-III (R)
- The Man Who Loved Women, O (R)
- The Man Who Wasn't There, O (R)
- The Man with Two Brains, O (R)
- Max Dugan Returns, A-II (PG)
- Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence, A-IV (R)
- Mr. Mom, A-II (PG)
- Monty Python's The Meaning of Life, O (R)
- National Lampoon's Vacation, A-III (R)
- Never Cry Wolf, A-II (PG)
- Never Say Never Again, O (PG)
- A Night in Heaven, O (R)
- Night of the Shooting Stars, A-II (R)
- The Osterman Weekend, O (R)
- The Outsiders, A-III (PG)
- Pauline at the Beach, A-IV (R)
- The Pirates of Penzance, A-I (G)
- Porky's II: The Next Day, O (R)
- Private School, O (R)
- The Prodigal, A-II (PG)
- Psycho II, O (R)
- Return of the Jedi, A-II (PG)
- Return of Martin Guerre, A-III (R)
- Reuben, Reuben, A-III (R)
- Revenge of the Ninja, O (R)
- The Right Stuff, A-III (PG)
- Risky Business, O (R)
- Romantic Comedy, A-II (PG)
- Rumble Fish, O (R)
- Scarface, O (R)
- Screwballs, O (R)
- Silkwood, A-III (R)
- Smokey and the Bandit III, O (PG)
- The Star Chamber, A-III (R)
- Star 80, A-IV (R)
- Staying Alive, A-III (PG)
- Strange Brew, A-III (PG)
- Strange Invaders, A-II (PG)
- Streamers, A-III (R)
- Stroker Ace, A-III (PG)
- Sudden Impact, O (R)
- Superman III, A-II (PG)
- Survivors, A-III (R)
- Table For Five, A-III (PG)
- Tender Mercies, A-III (PG)
- Terms of Endearment, A-III (PG)
- Testament, A-II (PG)
- They Don't Wear Black Ties, A-IV
- To Be Or Not To Be, A-III (PG)
- Trading Places, O (R)
- Two of a Kind, A-III (PG)
- Uncommon Valor, A-III (R)
- Under Fire, A-III (R)
- The Verdict, A-II (R)
- Wargames, A-II (PG)
- The Wicked Lady, O (R)
- Wrong is Right, A-III (R)
- Yentl, A-III (PG)
- Zelig, A-II (PG)

Father Conway Slated for Cenacle Event

Father John Conway, internationally known retreat director, will lead a retreat on the theme of Lazarus in the Gospel of St. John, March 16-18 at the Cenacle.

For convenience, bibles will be available in each room, but retreatants who prefer are invited to bring their own bibles.

A feature of the weekend will be the opportunity for private consultation or direction with Father Conway and members of the Cenacle staff. The offering for the weekend is \$50.

Further information and registration is available through the Cenacle Ministry Office, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

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