

## A "POPE QUIZ" – ANSWER KEY

1. T F As a teen, the pope was trained as an anti-aircraft gunner for the Nazis  
TRUE. BUT 2 YEARS INTO HIS FORCED SERVICE, HE ESCAPED FROM THE GERMAN ARMY
  2. T F As a young man, the pope was a high school teacher.  
TRUE. AFTER HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, HE WORKED AS A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER.
  3. T F The pope served as archbishop of Munich & Freising until he became pope.  
FALSE. IN 1981, POPE JOHN PAUL II NAMED HIM AS PREFECT OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH; PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL COMMISSION, AND PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION. HE SERVED IN THE VATICAN FOR 23 YEARS.
  4. T F Benedict XVI is the first German pope  
FALSE. HE IS THE 9<sup>TH</sup> GERMAN POPE. THE LAST WAS ADRIAN VI WHO REIGNED FROM 1522-1523
  5. T F The pope is fluent in five languages  
FALSE. *Trick question!* IT IS SIX—ITALIAN, FRENCH, ENGLISH, SPANISH, LATIN, AND OF COURSE, GERMAN.
  6. T F During the process of electing a new pope, the cardinals are locked into a room.  
TRUE. THE WORD "CONCLAVE" MEANS "WITH A KEY". THE CARDINALS ARE LOCKED INTO THE SISTINE CHAPEL UNTIL A DECISION IS MADE.
  7. T F The pope chose the name "Benedict" because he wanted to make a connection with Benedict XV  
TRUE. HE ALSO CHOSE THE NAME TO IDENTIFY WITH ST. BENEDICT, PATRIARCH OF WESTERN MONASTICISM, WHO SPREAD CHRISTIANITY THROUGHOUT EUROPE.
  8. T F Benedict XVI was elected on the first day of balloting by the cardinals  
FALSE. HE WAS ELECTED IN THE FOURTH ROUND ON THE SECOND DAY.
  9. T F Benedict XVI has only authored two Papal Encyclicals  
TRUE. HE HAS ALSO AUTHORED 36 BOOKS AND NUMEROUS ARTICLES.
  10. T F Benedict XVI and Bishop Jackels worked in the same "department" at the Vatican at the same time.  
TRUE. THEY BOTH WORKED FOR THE PREFECT OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH
- BONUS ROUND:
- T F Benedict XVI and Bishop Jackels share the same birthday month.  
TRUE. THEIR BIRTHDAYS ARE ONLY 3 DAYS APART. THE POPE'S IS ON APRIL 16, AND BISHOP JACKELS IS ON APRIL 13.