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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.

[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 and laws of evidence.

[Source: Wikipedia](#)

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."

11) We founded the college system.

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

12) 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.

13) 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.

14) 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](#)

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

Source: Adherents.com

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

[Source: Catholic Encyclopedia](#)

17) 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

18) 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.

We are Catholic. Welcome home.