

95 Reasons we love and are thankful for Roman Catholics
(In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation)

From your Lutheran, Baptist, and other Protestant neighbors

1. For the many times we work together, especially Good Friday. We hope we one day share Holy Communion together!
2. The fun cups, of which we all have many.
3. For having exactly 3.5 times as many sacraments as us!
4. For the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification
5. Your punny Hail Mary Land t-shirts
6. #thepopeisdope
7. Your awesome ability to spread God's Good News to many on campus
8. The Catholics spend more money, primarily on charity, than Apple brings in
9. FREE DINNER ON WEDNESDAYS
10. ^ and how welcoming you are to non-Catholics who sometimes come too
11. The athleticism behind all that kneeling and standing up
12. The dedication to your faith
13. For teaching the power and influence of prayer
14. For your huge presence on campus!
15. For having your own country...inside a city...inside a country
16. Your volleyball court. Do I see a scrimmage in our future?
17. For commissioning some pretty great art, like the Sistine Chapel
18. For providing the only education, healthcare, and social services accessible to many people across the world
19. For having 265 popes in your history, with 23 of them sharing the original name of John
20. The cutout of Pope Francis gets me every time
21. For the ever-growing friendships
22. For building all of the awe-inspiring medieval cathedrals across the world (my favorite sight-seeing destinations!)
23. Homework help
24. For your great ecumenical work on campus
25. For all the candles (candles are awesome and beautiful)
26. For the ridiculously long Botafumiero and the splendor and peace in the city of Santiago de Compostela
27. For being a place of hope and safety
28. The Jesuit priest Giovanni Girolamo Saccheri and his work on non-Euclidean geometry
29. For commissioning many great choral works
30. There is a Wikipedia article on the Papal shoes
31. I dated a Catholic girl once; she was nice

32. For encouraging me to see the value in serving others
33. For some pretty neat prayers
34. For starting some really cool healthcare and community health ministries that serve so many, like Bon Secours in West Baltimore
35. For beautiful cathedrals and architecture around the world
36. For el Camino De Santiago and the beautiful people I met along the way
37. For Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement
38. For the nuns that taught us to sing and play the piano when we were young
39. Your large couches that you gave away (for free!)
40. For always welcoming me in mass even though I'm not Roman Catholic
41. For the smell of incense, even though sometimes it's a bit overpowering
42. My dad is Catholic! :)
43. For Vatican II, and the movement closer to Christian unity
44. For the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church
45. You still smile at us
46. You are great neighbors
47. You have awesome religious retreats
48. For Saint Francis of Assisi
49. The outreach that you have around the world through charity programs
50. For all the times we work together for justice and peace
51. You are awesome to collaborate with in scouts
52. The wonderfully inspiring work of Mother Teresa
53. For enabling individuals to engage in serious self-reflection
54. For stewarding the tradition of so many great saints
55. For the Catholic High School I went to
56. For working together in ecumenical groups, including the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches (you should become full members!)
57. For giving us an excuse to buy Reese's
58. For really detailed theology
59. For prayers on every occasion
60. You are also Christians
61. For having a building 2 minutes away from Humble Walk
62. You put up with our shenanigans
63. Stations of the cross
64. Two millennia of incredible commitment to social justice
65. Adoration
66. Latin: "Sola lingua bona est lingua mortua" ... also Harry Potter spells
67. Cool post-Vatican 2 communion hymns
68. For Martin Luther (who was Catholic)

69. For Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, and that we recognize each other's baptisms
70. For FRob, Ann, Lisa, Matt and all your wonderful staff
71. Sister Act was a great movie!
72. Pope... I mean Saint John Paul II
73. For the many different ways we worship the same amazing God!
74. Your sense of humor
75. Monks (and often their wine)
76. For your awesome building
77. The witness of so many Roman Catholics around the world
78. Did I mention your cutout of the Pope? - So hype
79. For the brave witness of Oscar Romero and others
80. You use silverware... Way to go!
81. All them feast days... yum
82. Gregorian chants
83. Really cool hats
84. Pope Francis... 'nuff said
85. Beautiful churches... that architecture doe
86. Dat ash
87. Teresa of Avila, Hildegard of Bingen, Julian of Norwich, and Catherine of Siena
88. The Pope mobile
89. Stained glass is really cool
90. That we recognize the many times we have sinned as communities, especially in actions towards one another
91. Meatless fridays- yay environment!
92. You don't sell indulgences anymore :-)
93. Many very large families - woohoo!
94. You love Jesus
95. For the continuing movement towards Christian unity as we celebrate the diversity of our Christian witness

We love and give thanks to God for you! We're glad we're on #TeamJesus together 😊