

APOLOGISTS

“one who finds and defends the truth of what they know”

The apostle Paul isn't generally regarded as an apologist, however, think about it. Before he was Paul, he was Saul of Tarsus, persecuting Christians before Jesus appeared to him while on a "mission" to Damascus. Jesus appointed Paul to be an apostle to the nations and from then on, Paul became a "defender" of Christ teachings everywhere he went, the rest of his life. An example of how he did this is recorded at Acts 17:10-11 "The Bereans received the word with all eagerness, daily searching the "scriptures", whether these things were so." Think about this; the "scriptures" Paul was referring to, was the Old Testament. He reasoned with them on things already written in "scripture" from the "Old Testament" and he used that to defend what Jesus taught. The "New Testament" wouldn't be completed until the 5th century. Paul was using what was already accepted for centuries as teachings of God to reason on things Christ and His new Church taught to prove its validity. Paul became a teacher and an apologist.

Short list of apologists through the centuries:

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| 1. St Paul an apostle of Jesus - formerly Saul of Tarsus of the first century | 1 st century |
| 2. St Justin Martyr – apologist who studied Platonism before Christianity | 2 nd century |
| 3. Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus late | 2 nd century |
| 4. Origen Adamantius - Christian scholar, theologian and ascetic of | 3 rd century |
| 5. St Augustine of Hippo – one of the most important theologians of | 5 th century |
| 6. St Anselm of Canterbury – | 11 th century |
| 7. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | 12 th century |
| 8. St Thomas Aquinas – Angelic Doctor of Church of the | 13 th century |
| 9. William of Ockham – Ockham's razor of the | 14 th century |
| 10. St Robert Bellarmine – Doctor of the Church Systematic apology | 15 th century |
| 11. St Thomas More – councilor to King Henry VIII (opposed Protestantism) | 16 th century |
| 12. Alban Butler – several books | 18 th century |
| 13. Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman – Archbishop Westminster England | 19 th century |
| 14. Alexander F Kirkpatrick – Dr of Divinity of Trinity College – early | 20 th century |
| 15. Many traditional Apologists of our time | 21 st Century |

Applying what St Paul said to the Corinthians, we're admonished to imitate his faith and to defend Christ's teachings as taught in His new Church since it was established 2000 years ago. I Corinthians 11:1 "Become a follower (imitator) of me, even as I am of Christ."

More than ever before, Christians, i.e., Catholics are under charge to defend Christ's Church teachings due to the errors of Protestantism and Modernism since the Second Vatican Council. The tragedy is that most "professed" Catholics today don't even know what happened at Vatican II. And non-Catholic people around the world associate Catholicism with what they see going on in the "church" in Rome. More on this throughout this site.

Now more than ever, we need to apply Acts 17:10, to "examine whether these things are so."

If we don't defend Christ Church now, who will? The "parable of the talents" Matt. 25:14-30. Jesus said, if we love Him, we should "feed His sheep" by defending His teachings. John 21:17

All Catholics must defend our Lord's teachings