Matthew 16:13-20 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Matthew 18:18-20 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Label as True or False. Then explain from the above passages, why the following statements are true or false.

- 1-2. Peter is the first pope. T or F
- 3-4. Pope Peter received the keys of the kingdom. T or F
- 5-6. Jesus is building His church on Pope Peter. T or F
- 7-8. The keys are given principally and immediately to the church. T or F
- 9-10. The church is found where God gives His gifts and the Word given by Christ. T or F

1-2. False "23] In all these passages Peter is the representative of the entire assembly of apostles [and does not speak for himself alone, but for all the apostles], as appears from the text itself. For Christ asks not Peter alone, but says: Whom do ye say that I am? 3-4. False "23] ... And what is here said [to Peter alone] in the singular number [Mt 16:19]: I will give unto thee the keys; and whatsoever thou shalt bind, etc., is elsewhere expressed [to their entire number], in the plural Matt. 18, 18; Whatsoever elsewhere expressed [to their entire number], in the plural Matt. 18, 18.

ye shall bind, etc."

5-6. False "25] However, as to the declaration: Upon this rock I will build My Church, certainly the Church has not been built upon the authority of man, but upon the ministry of the confession which Peter made, in which he proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He accordingly addresses him as a minister: Upon this vock, i.e., upon this ministry. [Therefore he addresses him as a minister of this office in which this confession and doctrine is to be in operation and says: Upon this vock, i.e., this

preaching and ministry.]"

7-8. True "24] In addition to this, it is necessary to acknowledge that the keys belong not to the person of one particular man, but to the Church, as many most clear and firm arguments testify. For Christ, speaking concerning the keys adds, Matt. 18, 19: If two or three of you shall agree on earth, etc. Therefore he grants the keys principally and immediately to the Church, just as also for this reason the Church has

principally the right of calling."

9-10. True "26] Furthermore, the ministry of the New Testament is not bound to places and persons as the Levitical ministry, but it is dispersed throughout the whole world, and is there where God gives His gifts, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers; moither does this ministry avail on account of the authority of any person, but on account of the Word given by Christ.