

BINGO



I see, I see... BoO knows the church inside and out but look carefully and I think you'll also spot plenty of things yourself. So keep your eyes peeled and mark the things you've seen on your bingo card. *Good luck!*



Rosette



Putti and dragon



Saint holding his head



Fish



Ship



Mary and Child



God



Angel



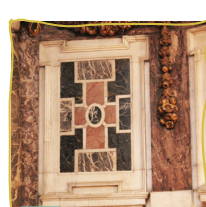
Angel and bones



Angel and flower wreath



Saint Matthew



Marble



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Hello... my name is

BoO



Saint Charles Borromeo



Hello!

Welcome to St Charles Borromeo's Church! Why don't you explore the church with me? People like to come here to see the beautiful artworks but they also come here to pray or because they are looking for somewhere quiet. It would be really nice if you talked in a hushed voice and looked around quietly.

Do you think you can be even quieter than me?

ID CARD



Name: Saint Charles Borromeo
Profession: archbishop of Milan, cardinal
Activity: cared for the sick, ...
Attributes: red cardinal's garment, crucifix, dove



Every church has its own name, just like you and me. This church is named after an Italian saint called **Charles Borromeo**. He is mainly remembered because he cared for people with the **plague**, a very dangerous illness.

The church was originally dedicated to Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Order. The Jesuits are a group of priests and brothers. They find **education**, care for the **poor** and **art** very important. They built a church, a school and a convent around the church.

Listen ... Isn't it quiet here? Everyone is doing their very best to be very quiet. But things were quite different in the past ... The Jesuits felt that the church was a place for meeting people. Their students even performed plays in the church.



Did you

KNOW that...

★ ... not everyone liked the lavish decoration of this church? The Superior General of their order in Rome even gave the Jesuits a rap on the knuckles. He felt they should have chosen a simpler design ...

★ ... the paintings behind the high altar can be switched like a theatre set? Can you figure out how they switch such very large paintings? *

★ ... there used to be 43 paintings by Rubens in this church at one time? Now there is only one! Rubens painted the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and Jesus in *The Return of the Holy Family*. A fire in 1718 destroyed many of the paintings. Mary Theresia, the Empress of Austria, took three of Rubens's paintings back to Vienna with her.

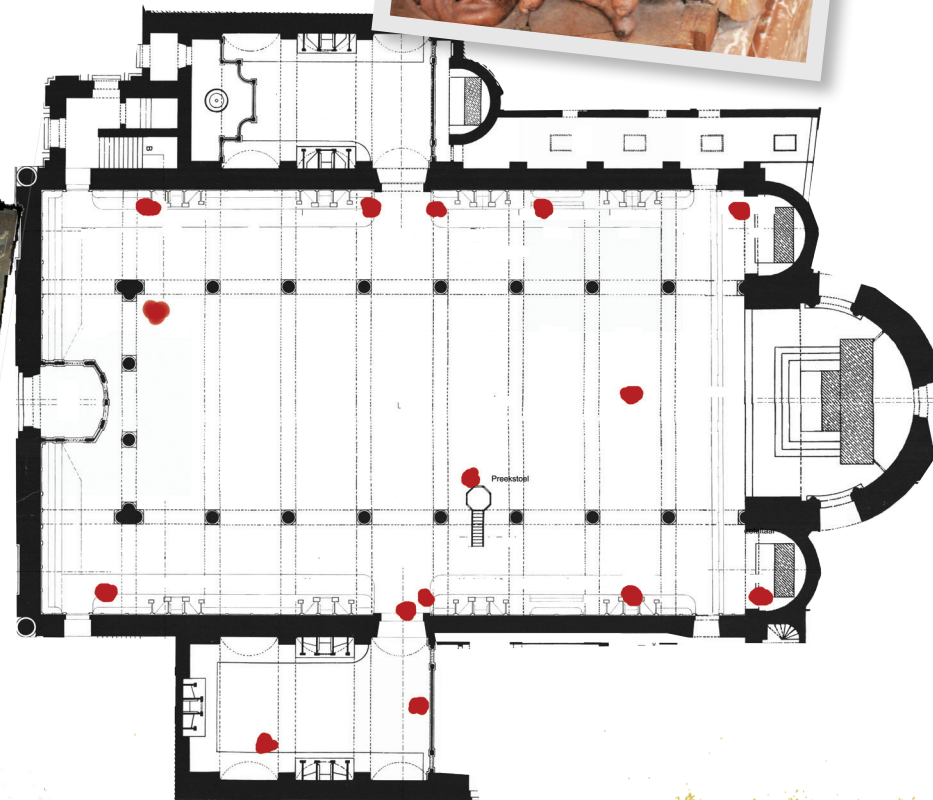
★ ... the church's architects were inspired by Italian examples? When you sit outside the church in the square on a sunny day, you almost feel as if you are in Italy.



Join me for a look at the **pulpit**. In the old days, priests would climb up to the pulpit so the people could understand him better. This lovely piece of furniture was produced by the artist Jan Pieter I Bourscheit.

The woman symbolises the Church. She is treading on **two masks**, one stands for lies and one for ignorance. Two putti or figures of small children help her by shooting lightning bolts from behind their shield. The Jesuits wanted to convince everyone that there is only one faith: the Catholic faith.

This church has plenty of beautiful paintings, sculptures and furniture. Most of them were produced during the **baroque**. The artists of the baroque loved a lot of **colour, action** and **opulence**. And the Jesuits loved it just as much. They transformed their church into a baroque festival hall. Take a look in the chapel of the Virgin. Everything has been **decorated**, from the ceiling down to the floor! The artworks tell stories, for all the visitors who didn't know how to read.



* The paintings are popped out of the frame and a pulley system is used to raise or lower the other painting.