

Vocabulary for Unit 6

assembly: Also known as a congregation, a community of believers gathered for worship as the Body of Christ.

Church: The term *Church* has three inseparable meanings: (1) the entire People of God throughout the world; (2) the diocese, which is also known as the local Church; (3) the assembly of believers gathered for the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist. In the Nicene Creed, the Church is recognized as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic—traits that together are referred to as “marks of the Church.”

ministry: Based on a word for “service,” a way of caring for and serving others and helping the Church fulfill its mission. Ministry refers to the work of sanctification performed by those in Holy Orders through the preaching of God’s Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. It also refers to the work of the laity in living out their baptismal call to mission through lay ministries, such as that of lector or catechist.

Transubstantiation: In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, this is the name given to the action of changing the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

