

# Discover!

Finding Faith in Life

## Key Words

### A

**Alleluia** means "Praise the Lord!"

**ambry** a cabinet, usually built into the wall of the sanctuary, containing the holy oils used in the sacraments

**Apostle** a person chosen by Jesus to be one of his close companions and to continue his work on Earth

**Apostolic** founded or based on the Apostles; a Mark of the Church; authority that can be traced back to the Apostles

### B

**Beatitudes** a set of eight teachings of Jesus about loving God and loving others that brings permanent happiness

**bishop** a Church leader who helps us to follow Jesus by setting a good example and guiding priests and parishes; the main teacher and shepherd of a diocese

**Body of Christ** the Church, including all the baptized on Earth, in Heaven, and in Purgatory

### C

**Catholic** universal; a Mark of the Church, meaning that everyone is welcome

**caravan** a group of animals or vehicles that is typically moving together

**Christian** all people who profess faith in Jesus Christ

**communion** together with, in union with

**Communion of Saints** the Church; all who have been baptized in Christ on Earth, in Heaven, and in Purgatory

**cornerstone** the main stone that begins the construction of a stone building; the cornerstone connects the walls as the building is constructed

### D

**disciple** a follower of a teacher, a person who learns from and imitates a leader; a follower of Jesus

**diversity** all the differences God created people with; different ages, sizes, shapes, genders, races

### E

**enduring** lasting

**entrusted** given responsibility to care for something

### F

**faith** strong belief; following God at all times, even when we don't always understand God's ways

**G**

**gifts** the talents and abilities that make us who we are

**Gospel** good news; each of the four books of the Bible about Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

**gratitude** thankfulness

**H**

**holy** loving God, loving others, and following Jesus and his teachings

**home missions** areas in our own country served by missionaries

**hosanna** means "Salvation is here!"

**humble** down to Earth

**I**

**incense** a spice that is burned for its sweet smell

**intercede** to pray to God on behalf of someone else

**intercessory prayer** prayer in which we pray for the needs of others

**K**

**kindle** to set on fire

**knowledge** good information

**L**

**Liturgical Year** the calendar of seasonal celebrations that help us focus on important days in the life of Jesus and in our Church; also called "the Church Year"

**liturgy** our celebrations as a Church

**M**

**Marks of the Church** key qualities of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

**meditation** a form of prayer in which we reflect and try to understand what God is telling us

**mission** an important task or purpose

**missionary** someone who shares the Good News, sometimes in faraway places and sometimes closer to home

**O**

**ordained** to be marked specially for service to the Church; a man is marked as a deacon, priest, or bishop through the Sacrament of Holy Orders

**Ordinary Time** the Church season that marks the Sundays by ordinal numbers; the Scripture readings on these Sundays help us learn about the life and teachings of Jesus

**P**

**Passion** the suffering of Jesus

**Pentecost** the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the disciples; the beginning of the Church's mission under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

**permanent** lasting forever; enduring

**petition** a prayer of request for one's own needs

**praise** honoring and thanking God for all good things, and especially just for being God

**psalm** a song or poem written as a prayer to God

**Purgatory** a state of purification or cleansing following death before entry into Heaven

**R**

**responsibility** a duty that someone has entrusted to us

**Resurrection** the rising of Jesus from the dead

**S**

**sacrifice** an offering of something to God

**solidarity** standing with others, especially standing with those in need

**spiritual armor** the qualities and practices that protect us from bad influences and keep us close to God

**successor** someone who follows another

**T**

**Temple** the main Jewish place of worship

**temporary** not lasting forever, limited

**U**

**unique** the only one of its kind; different characteristics that make up each individual person

**V**

**vestments** clothing the priest wears when celebrating the Eucharist and the other sacraments

**W**

**wisdom** deeper understanding