

Vocabulary for Unit 5

Terms for Mastery

Annunciation The biblical event in which the Archangel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary to announce that she is to be the Mother of the Savior.

New Eve A reference to Mary, “mother of all the living,” emphasizing her role in the new creation brought about by Christ. It is because Mary is the New Eve that in statues she is often portrayed standing on a snake, which represents the devil in the Book of Genesis.

Theological Virtues The name for the God-given virtues of faith, hope, and love. These virtues enable us to know God as God and lead us to union with him in mind and heart.

Terms Introduced for Later Mastery

aspiration A short prayer meant to be memorized and repeated throughout the day. The word comes from the Latin *aspirare*, “to breathe upon.” In this way, we can heed Saint Paul’s injunction to pray without ceasing and continually turn our thoughts toward God.

intercessory prayer A prayer form in which we ask God’s help for other people’s needs; also called intercession.

lament A prayer, petition, or ritual of grief that honors the death of a loved one. Many of the psalms are laments.

litanies Prayers consisting of a series of invocations and responses.

novenas From the Latin word for “nine,” public or private devotions that extend for a period of nine days.

prayer of petition A prayer form in which we ask God for something we need.

Terms Previously Mastered or for General Knowledge

evangelization The proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and witness.

missionaries People who devote themselves to spreading the Gospel—in word and service—to those who have not heard it or to those who have rejected it. Missionaries often serve in foreign countries.

