

Vocabulary for Unit 8

belief: This word (of Germanic origin, meaning “what is dear or esteemed”) refers to a mental act or state of mind placing trust or confidence in a person or doctrine. Belief may also be used in a collective sense to indicate the body of doctrines held by a specific group; for example, “Catholic belief” indicates the doctrines held by Catholics.

Catholic social teaching (CST): “A body of doctrine, which is articulated as the Church interprets events in the course of history, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, in the light of the whole of what has been revealed by Jesus Christ”¹ (CCC, 2422).

disciple: A follower who seeks to imitate Jesus’ words and actions. As disciples we try to make his values, attitudes, and priorities our own. We recognize and accept Jesus as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Eternal Son of God, who took on human flesh, died to liberate us from sin, and opened a path to new life for us through his Resurrection.

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

evangelize: To share our faith in Jesus Christ and the Good News of his life, death, and Resurrection.

faith: Our response to God’s Revelation. Faith is the internal surrender of our whole selves—minds, hearts, and spirits—to God.

lament: A prayer, petition, or ritual of grief that honors the death of a loved one. Many of the psalms are examples of lament recorded in the Bible.

missionaries: Those 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.

proselytism: The active, even aggressive, seeking of converts to one’s own religion, often away from another religion.

religion: The practices of prayer, worship, and service.

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.

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1. Cf. *Sollicitudo rei socialis* 1; 41.

