Vocabulary for Unit 8

consecrated life: A state of life recognized by the Church in which a person publicly professes vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

eschatological: Having to do with the last things: the Last Judgment, the particular judgment, the resurrection of the body, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory.

evangelical counsels: The call to go beyond the minimum rules of life required by God (such as the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church) and strive for spiritual perfection through a life marked by a commitment to chastity, poverty, and obedience.

hermit: A person who lives a solitary life in order to commit himself or herself more fully to prayer and in some cases to be completely free for service to others.

Last Judgment: The judgment of the human race by Jesus Christ at his second coming, as noted in the Nicene Creed. It is also called the Final Judgment.

monasticism: A form of Christian life followed by those who withdraw from ordinary life, and live alone or in community, in order to devote themselves to prayer and work in total dedication to God.

Sabbath: In the Old Testament, the "seventh day," on which God rested after the work of Creation was completed. In the Old Law, the weekly day of rest to remember God's work through private prayer and communal worship. For Catholics, Sunday, the day on which Jesus was raised, which we are to observe with participation in the Eucharist in fulfillment of the Third Commandment.

temperance: The cardinal virtue by which one moderates his or her appetites and passions to achieve balance in the use of created goods.