Vocations: Answering God's Call

Vocabulary for Unit 6

dalmatic: The liturgical vestment proper to a deacon. A dalmatic is shaped like a large, loose tunic with sleeves.

dogmatic theology: The study of objective truths and teachings of our faith.

Donatist heresy: Donatists believed that the sin of denying Christ made a priest or bishop not only forever unworthy but also permanently unable to administer the Sacraments. The Church responded, in part, by teaching that the validity of the Sacraments depends on the holiness of God rather than on the personal holiness of the individual priest.

formation: The process of coming to a richer, deeper understanding and living out of one's faith; also used to describe the process of preparation that candidates for the priesthood and religious life undergo.

Holy See: A translation of the Latin *sancta sedes*, which literally means "holy seat." The word *see* refers to a diocese or seat of a bishop. The Holy See is the seat of the central administration of the whole Church, under the leadership of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome.

insignia: Signs and symbols of one's office, ministry, or vocation.

seminary: A school established for the formation of future priests.