Vocabulary for Unit 8

**age of reason:** The age at which a person can be morally responsible. This is generally regarded to be the age of seven.

**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.

**Body of Christ:** A term that when capitalized designates Jesus’ Body in the Eucharist, or the entire Church, which is also referred to as the Mystical Body of Christ.

**ministry:** Based on a word for “service,” a way of caring for and serving others and helping the Church fulfill its mission. *Ministry* especially refers to the work of sanctification performed by those in Holy Orders through the preaching of God’s Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. The laity helps the Church fulfill its mission through lay ministries, such as that of lector or catechist.

**Sacred Chrism:** Perfumed olive oil that has been consecrated. It is used for anointing in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.