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Unit 3 Vocabulary

Terms for Mastery

***anamnesis*** The Greek word for *memory.* In the Eucharist, this refers to the making present of the Paschal Mystery, Christ’s work of salvation. The *anamnesis* refers also to a particular section of the Eucharistic Prayer after the words of institution in which the Church remembers Christ’s saving deeds—his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious return.

**chalice** This is the vessel into which the wine will be poured.

**Concluding Rites** The Concluding Rites follow the Liturgy of the Eucharist and include: the greeting, the Final Blessing (or Prayer over the People), and the Dismissal.

**corporal** This is a square white linen cloth upon which all the sacred vessels are placed during the celebration of the Mass. The word *corporal* comes from the Latin word for “body,” which is related to Body of Christ *(Corpus* *Christi).*

***epiclesis*** A prayer (meaning “invocation” in Greek) in which the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon the offerings.

**Eucharistic adoration** The practice of praying in   
front of the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed in   
a monstrance or ciborium on an altar or in a church   
or chapel.

***Logos*** Greek word meaning “Word.” Logos is a title of Jesus Christ found in the Gospel of John that illuminates the relationship between the three Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity (see John 1:1,14).

**purificator** This is a small piece of white linen, folded   
in three layers, much like a napkin, marked with a   
cross in the center. The priest uses it to purify (clean)   
his fingers, the chalice, and the paten (the round dish used to hold the Host).

***Roman Missal*** The term from the Latin *missio,*meaning “mission” or “sending forth,” designates the book containing the prayers that are said by the priest   
at the altar for the celebration of Mass.

**Transubstantiation** In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, this is the name given to the action of changing the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Terms Previously Mastered or for General Knowledge

**assembly** Also known as a congregation, a community of believers gathered for worship as   
the Body of Christ.

**Church** The term *Church* has three inseparable meanings: (1) the entire People of God throughout the world; (2) the diocese, which is also known as the local Church; and (3) the assembly of believers gathered for the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist.

**Eucharist, the**  The celebration of the entire Mass.   
The term can also refer specifically to the consecrated bread and wine that have become the Body and Blood of Christ.

**monstrance** A sacred vessel, usually in the form of a cross, used for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration and benediction.

**Passion** The suffering of Jesus during his final days   
in this life: his agony in the garden at Gethsemane, his trial, and his Crucifixion.

**Passover** The night the Lord passed over the houses of the Israelites marked by the blood of the lamb, and spared the firstborn sons from death. It also is the feast that celebrates the deliverance of the Chosen People from bondage in Egypt and the Exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land.