Vocations: Answering God's Call

Vocabulary for Unit 2

apostolate: The Christian person's activity that fulfills the apostolic nature of the whole Church when he or she works to extend the Kingdom of Christ to the entire world. If your school shares the wisdom of its founder, its namesake, or the charism of the religious order that founded it, it is important to learn about this person or order and his or her charism, because as a graduate you will likely want to incorporate this charism into your own apostolate.

collaboration: To work jointly with others or together especially in an intellectual [or spiritual] endeavor.

common good: Social conditions that allow for all citizens of the earth, individuals and families, to meet basic needs and achieve fulfillment.

evangelize: The action of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and witness.

laity: All members of the Church with the exception of those who are ordained as bishops, priests, and deacons. The laity share in Christ's role as priest, prophet, and king, witnessing to God's love and power in the world.

parish: A specific community of believers, commonly but not always defined geographically, whose pastoral and spiritual care is guided by a priest or other leader appointed by a bishop.

prophet: A person God chooses to speak his message of salvation. In the Bible, primarily communicator of a divine message of repentance to the Chosen People, not necessarily a person who predicted the future.

spiritual director: A priest or other person who is experienced and knowledgeable about faith, prayer, and spirituality, and helps others to grow in their relationship with God.

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