

Vocabulary for Unit 3

celibacy: The state or condition of those who have chosen or taken vows to remain unmarried in order to devote themselves entirely to the service of the Church and the Kingdom of God.

chastity: The virtue by which people are able to successfully and healthfully integrate their sexuality into their total person; recognized as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Also one of the vows of religious life.

conversion: A change of heart, turning away from sin and toward God.

domestic: Relating to household or family.

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.

mysterium: The hidden reality of God's plan of salvation.

sacramentum: The visible sign of the hidden reality of salvation.

vow: A free and conscious commitment made to other persons (as in Marriage), to the Church, or to God.

