

Vocabulary for Unit 4

adulation: Excessive flattery, praise, or admiration for another person.

boasting: Exaggerating accomplishments in order to make oneself seem more praiseworthy.

calumny: Ruining the reputation of another person by lying or spreading rumors. It is also called slander and is a sin against the Eighth Commandment.

catechist: A person called by God to the ministry of the education and formation of Christians by teaching others the essentials of Christian doctrine and forming them as disciples of Jesus Christ.

civil authorities: Leaders of public groups that are not religious institutions, particularly government leaders.

detraction: Unnecessarily revealing something about another person that is true but is harmful to his or her reputation. It is a sin against the Eighth Commandment.

impunity: To be exempt from punishment.

rash judgment: Assuming the worst about something someone says or does without knowing all of the facts.

reparation: Making amends for something one did wrong that caused harm to another person or led to loss.

solidarity: Union of one's heart and mind with all people. Solidarity leads to the just distribution of material goods, creates bonds between opposing groups and nations, and leads to the spread of spiritual goods such as friendship and prayer.

vocation: A call from God to all members of the Church to embrace a life of holiness. Specifically, it refers to a call to live the holy life as an ordained minister, as a vowed religious (sister or brother), in a Christian Marriage, or in single life.

