

Appendix A

Key Catholic Words

Alleluia: **Alleluia** means “praise God” or “praise the Lord” and is a joyful exclamation of praise and worship to God. *(Lesson 21)*

Apostles’ Creed: The **Apostles’ Creed** is a prayer that summarizes the essential beliefs of our Catholic Faith. We pray the Apostles’ Creed during the Rosary while holding the crucifix. *(Lesson 27)*

Baptism: **Baptism** is the first Sacrament of Initiation. In Baptism, we are born into new life in Jesus. We need Baptism to go to Heaven. *(Lesson 16)*

Beatitudes: The **Beatitudes** are Jesus’ teachings in the Sermon on the Mount about how to live our lives on earth so that we can be perfectly happy in Heaven. *(Lesson 9)*

Bible: The **Bible** is the written Word of God, the record of His revelation of Himself. Also called Sacred Scripture. *(Lesson 32)*

Bishop: A **bishop** is typically the leader of a diocese and a main teacher of the Catholic faith. He makes the Sacraments available to the people of his diocese. He is a successor to the Apostles. *(Lesson 24)*

Body of Christ: The **Body of Christ** is another name for the Church. Just as a body has many parts, so too does the Church have many members. Each of us plays a specific and important role in the Body of Christ. *(Lesson 24)*

Church: The **Church** is the community of disciples founded by Jesus that will exist until the end of time. *(Lesson 24)*

Corporal Works of Mercy: The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are good things Jesus taught us to do for other people to meet their physical needs, such as giving them food, drink, clothing, and shelter. *(Lesson 8)*

Diocese: A **diocese** is a group of parishes within a specific geographic area led by a bishop. *(Lesson 24)*

Disciple: A **disciple** is a follower or student. Jesus had many disciples. *(Lesson 1)*

Eucharist: The **Eucharist** is the Sacrament in which we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life. It is spiritual food for the soul. It is not merely a symbol but is Jesus’ true flesh and blood. *(Lesson 23)*

Evangelist: An **evangelist** is someone who tells others about Jesus by writing down what Jesus did and said. There are four Evangelists: St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. *(Lesson 33)*

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** are characteristics of Jesus given to us at our Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation to help us become more like Jesus and listen to the Holy Spirit. They are wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. *(Lesson 31)*

Glory Be: The **Glory Be** is a prayer that praises the most Holy Trinity. We pray the Glory Be after each decade of the Rosary. *(Lesson 27)*

God the Father: **God the Father** is the first Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the almighty Creator, who made all things by His Word and His wisdom. *(Lesson 4)*

God the Son: **God the Son** is the second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is our Savior, who has always existed with the Father. The Father sent the Son into the world in the Person of Jesus Christ. *(Lesson 4)*

Gospel: **Gospel** means “good news.” Jesus preached the Good News, or Gospel message, of salvation. *(Lesson 17)*

God the Holy Spirit: **God the Holy Spirit** is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. He makes us holy and guides us to become more like Jesus. *(Lesson 4, Lesson 29)*

Grace: **Grace** is the free gift from God of His life within us. *(Lesson 10)*

Hail Mary: The **Hail Mary** is a prayer that repeats the words of the angel Gabriel’s greeting to Mary at the Annunciation of Jesus’ birth—and the words of Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary at the Visitation. The prayer also asks for Mary’s motherly intercession in our lives. *(Lesson 27)*

Incarnation: The **Incarnation** is the fact that the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Son of God, assumed a human nature in the Person of Jesus Christ. *(Lesson 6)*

Kingdom of Heaven: The **Kingdom of Heaven** is God’s reign or rule over all things. Also called the Kingdom of God. *(Lesson 9)*

Liturgy of the Eucharist: The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** is the second part of the Mass in which we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. *(Lesson 22)*

Liturgy of the Word: The **Liturgy of the Word** is the first part of the Mass in which we receive the written Word of God. *(Lesson 22)*

Love: **Love** is wanting and choosing what is good for someone else. *(Lesson 5)*

Mass: The **Mass** is the liturgical celebration and memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross and Resurrection from the dead. At every Mass, the priest changes the bread and wine into Christ’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist. The Mass has two sections: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. *(Lesson 22)*

Messiah: The **Messiah** is the person whom God promised to send to free His people from sin, suffering, and death. Hebrew for “anointed one.” *(Lesson 6)*

Mystery: A **mystery** is something that is true that we can only know if God tells us about it. *(Lesson 4)*

New Testament: The **New Testament** is the 27 books of the Bible that appear after the Old Testament. They tell the story of Jesus’ life, teachings, Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension and the beginning of His Church guided by the Holy Spirit. *(Lesson 34)*

Old Testament: The **Old Testament** is the first 46 books of the Bible. They tell the story of all the ways in which God revealed Himself to us in Salvation History in order to prepare us to receive salvation. *(Lesson 34)*

Original Sin: **Original Sin** is the wounded human nature that every person is born into because of the first sin of Adam and Eve. *(Lesson 16)*

Our Father (Lord’s Prayer): The **Our Father** (or **Lord’s Prayer**) is the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples when He was on earth. It is the perfect prayer because it was given to us by God Himself. *(Lesson 13)*

Parable: A **parable** is a short story that uses familiar things to help explain something in a way that is easier for us to understand. *(Lesson 1)*

Parish: A **parish** is a local community of Christian people, led by a pastor, who receives the Sacraments and all of God's gifts — everything we need to know, love, and serve God. *(Lesson 24)*

Pastor: A **pastor** is a priest who leads and cares for a parish. *(Lesson 24)*

Pentecost: **Pentecost** is a special feast day in the Church, 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection, that celebrates the day Jesus fulfilled His promise to send the Holy Spirit. *(Lesson 30)*

Pope: The **pope** is the Bishop of Rome and the successor to St. Peter as the head of the Church on earth. *(Lesson 24)*

Prayer: **Prayer** is the way we speak to God and listen for His voice. *(Lesson 2)*

Priest: A **priest** is a co-worker with his bishop. He preaches the Gospel of Christ and makes the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, available to the People of God. *(Lesson 24)*

Prophet: A **Prophet** is someone who listens carefully to God's voice and then shares God's message with His people. *(Lesson 6)*

Psalm: A **psalm** is one of 150 songs, poems, or prayers found in the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament. *(Lesson 14)*

Resurrection: **Resurrection** is the act of coming back to life. Jesus rose from the dead, body and soul, on the third day after His Death on the Cross. *(Lesson 21)*

Saint: A **saint** is a person who lived a life of holiness, and whose soul, after their death, is in Heaven with God. *(Lesson 19)*

Sanctifying Grace: **Sanctifying grace** is the free gift of God's love and life in our souls that is given to us by the Holy Spirit through the sacraments. *(Lesson 6)*

Savior: A **savior** is someone who saves, or rescues, someone from danger. Jesus is our Savior because He saves us from sin and death. *(Lesson 20)*

Sin: A **sin** is something that we say, do, think, or fail to do that does not love God, our neighbor, or ourselves, as God has taught us. *(Lesson 6)*

Ten Commandments: The **Ten Commandments** are God's Law given to Moses in the Old Testament that teach us how to love God and others. *(Lesson 34)*

Trinity: The **Trinity** is the Christian mystery revealed to us by God that He is three Persons in One God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. *(Lesson 4)*

Twelve Apostles: The **Twelve Apostles** are the twelve men Jesus chose to preach His message of salvation and work miracles in His name. They were the first bishops of the Church. *(Lesson 24)*