

Discover!

Finding Faith in Life

Key Words

A

Alleluia means "Praise the Lord!"

ambry a cabinet, usually built into the wall of the sanctuary, containing the holy oils used in the sacraments

Apostle a person chosen by Jesus to be one of his close companions and to continue his work on Earth

Apostolic founded or based on the Apostles; a Mark of the Church; authority that can be traced back to the Apostles

B

Beatitudes a set of eight teachings of Jesus about loving God and loving others that brings permanent happiness

bishop a Church leader who helps us to follow Jesus by setting a good example and guiding priests and parishes; the main teacher and shepherd of a diocese

Body of Christ the Church, including all the baptized on Earth, in Heaven, and in Purgatory

C

Catholic universal; a Mark of the Church, meaning that everyone is welcome

caravan a group of animals or vehicles that is typically moving together

Christian all people who profess faith in Jesus Christ

communion together with, in union with

Communion of Saints the Church; all who have been baptized in Christ on Earth, in Heaven, and in Purgatory

cornerstone the main stone that begins the construction of a stone building; the cornerstone connects the walls as the building is constructed

D

disciple a follower of a teacher, a person who learns from and imitates a leader; a follower of Jesus

diversity all the differences God created people with; different ages, sizes, shapes, genders, races

E

enduring lasting

entrusted given responsibility to care for something

F

faith strong belief; following God at all times, even when we don't always understand God's ways

G

gifts the talents and abilities that make us who we are

Gospel good news; each of the four books of the Bible about Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

gratitude thankfulness

H

holy loving God, loving others, and following Jesus and his teachings

home missions areas in our own country served by missionaries

hosanna means "Salvation is here!"

humble down to Earth

I

incense a spice that is burned for its sweet smell

intercede to pray to God on behalf of someone else

intercessory prayer prayer in which we pray for the needs of others

K

kindle to set on fire

knowledge good information

L

Liturgical Year the calendar of seasonal celebrations that help us focus on important days in the life of Jesus and in our Church; also called "the Church Year"

liturgy our celebrations as a Church

M

Marks of the Church key qualities of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

meditation a form of prayer in which we reflect and try to understand what God is telling us

mission an important task or purpose

missionary someone who shares the Good News, sometimes in faraway places and sometimes closer to home

O

ordained to be marked specially for service to the Church; a man is marked as a deacon, priest, or bishop through the Sacrament of Holy Orders

Ordinary Time the Church season that marks the Sundays by ordinal numbers; the Scripture readings on these Sundays help us learn about the life and teachings of Jesus

P

Passion the suffering of Jesus

Pentecost the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the disciples; the beginning of the Church's mission under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

permanent lasting forever; enduring

petition a prayer of request for one's own needs

praise honoring and thanking God for all good things, and especially just for being God

psalm a song or poem written as a prayer to God

Purgatory a state of purification or cleansing following death before entry into Heaven

R

responsibility a duty that someone has entrusted to us

Resurrection the rising of Jesus from the dead

S

sacrifice an offering of something to God

solidarity standing with others, especially standing with those in need

spiritual armor the qualities and practices that protect us from bad influences and keep us close to God

successor someone who follows another

T

Temple the main Jewish place of worship

temporary not lasting forever, limited

U

unique the only one of its kind; different characteristics that make up each individual person

V

vestments clothing the priest wears when celebrating the Eucharist and the other sacraments

W

wisdom deeper understanding