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**Chapter 10**

**antichrist** A term used in the letters of John to describe an opponent of Christ. Antichrists are people who deny that Jesus is the Messiah.

**apologists** Defenders of Christianity and the Church who try to show the reasonableness of the faith.

**Bible dictionaries** Practical references with definitions of biblical words including places, people, and items. A Bible dictionary usually also has appropriate Scripture references for many entries.

**concordance** A source of alphabetically listed biblical words along with the chapters and verses of each place that they appear in the Bible.

**contrition** Heartfelt sorrow for and hatred of sins committed along with intention of sinning no more. Contrition is the most important act of penitents and is necessary for receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

**Ecumenical Councils** Worldwide, official assemblies of bishops under the direction of the pope. There have been twenty-one Ecumenical Councils, the most recent being the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965).

**mystics** Persons who through prayer, suffering, and abandonment to God’s will have some type of spiritual experience that others do not have or may not be able to witness.

***Theotokos*** An important title bestowed on Mary at the Council of Ephesus (431) meaning “God-bearer.” This title asserts that Jesus is one Divine Person and that Mary is truly the “Mother of God.”

**Vulgate** St. Jerome’s fifth-century AD translation of the Bible into Latin, the common language of the people of his day.