

Chapter 7

alb A liturgical vestment with origins in the celebration of Baptism that is a long white robe. Only clergy may wear a stole over the alb.

apostolic letter A document issued by the pope or Vatican for various appointments, approving religious congregations, designating basilicas, and the like.

chasuble The outer garment worn by the bishop or priest over the alb and stole. It is the same color as the stole and the liturgical season.

lectio divina A classical prayer practice that involves a reflective reading of the Bible. It means "holy reading."

Litany of the Saints A prayer made up of various petitions addressed to the saints. It was first prescribed by St. Gregory the Great in the sixth century.

seminarians Men who attend a seminary or school focusing on theology and training and formation for the life of a priest.

stole A long narrow cloth that comes in the color of the liturgical season and is worn by the bishop, priest, or deacon. Stoles were originally worn by Jewish rabbis as a sign of their authority.