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**Chapter 4**

**apostolic succession** The handing on of the teaching, preaching, and office of the Apostles to their successors, the bishops, through the laying on of hands.

**Epiphany** From a Greek word meaning “to appear,” a term used to describe the mystery of Christ’s manifestation as Savior of the world.

**exorcism** The public and authoritative act of the Church, also performed by Christ himself, to protect or liberate a person or object from the power of the devil in the name of Christ.

**Kingdom of God** The process of the Father’s reconciling and renewing all things through his Son; the fact of his will being done on earth as it is in heaven. The Kingdom of God was proclaimed by Jesus and began in his life, Death, and Resurrection. The process will be completed perfectly at the end of time.

**midrash** A Hebrew term describing a literary form that relates past scriptural events to and helps explain present events.

**miracle** A powerful sign of God’s Kingdom worked by Jesus.

**parable** From the Greek *parabole*, meaning “placing two things side by side in order to compare them”; a short story that illustrates a moral or spiritual lesson.

**Paschal Mystery** Christ’s work of redemption, accomplished principally by his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension. This mystery is commemorated and made present through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

**redemption** A word that literally means “ransom.” Jesus’ Death is the ransom that defeated the powers of evil.

**Transfiguration** The mystery from Christ’s life in which God’s glory shone through and transformed Jesus’ physical appearance while he was in the company of the Old Testament prophets Moses and Elijah. Peter, James, and John witnessed this event.