Vocabulary for Unit 5

**collect:**  A prayer offered by a person leading an assembly in communal prayer, on behalf of a group (“collecting” the group’s thoughts and needs). It often follows the “YOU—WHO—DO—THROUGH” format.

**I AM:** God’s name as revealed to Moses at the burning bush; repeated by Jesus in John’s Gospel. John uses the I AM statements to teach the divinity of Jesus.

**metaphor:** A figure of speech in which a word or phrase that ordinarily designates one thing is used to designate another, making an implied comparison.

**New Eve:** A reference to Mary, “mother of all the living,” emphasizing her role in the new creation brought about by Christ. It is because Mary is the New Eve that in statues she is often portrayed standing on a snake, which represents the Devil in the Book of Genesis.

**schism:** A major break that causes division.

**symbol:** An object or action that points to another reality and leads us to look beyond our senses to consider a deeper mystery.