Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 12**.

**Cathedrals are our response to God’s Revelation.** The cathedrals of medieval Europe are symbols of people’s faith. People sacrificed time and money to build great cathedrals, which often took generations to complete. **PAGE 100**

**In most cathedrals, the entrance is designed so that people walk through a dark narthex, or entryway. Medieval architects used thin walls, high ceilings, and large stained-glass windows to let in sunlight.** **PAGE 100**

**There are many meanings for the word Church.** It may mean the building where we celebrate the sacraments, or it may mean the community. The Church is also a sacrament. As Catholics, we believe that the Church is the source of Salvation for all people. **PAGE 102**

**The sacraments are divided into three categories: the Sacraments of Initiation, the Sacraments of Healing, and the Sacraments at the Service of Communion.** **PAGE 102**

**Rites are ritual words and actions that make present the grace of the sacrament being celebrated.** **PAGE 102**

**Chrism is a sacramental that reminds us of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.** **PAGE 102**

**Sacramentals sanctify, or make holy, the ordinary objects and events of our lives.** **PAGE 103**

**Prayer may include acts of piety, or devotion. We pray on behalf of another person when we pray prayers of intercession.** **PAGE 103**

**Some devotional practices are tied to seasons. For example, we pray the Rosary in honor of Mary during the month of May.** **PAGE 103**

**There are many schools of spirituality, or paths to God. The Holy Spirit guides the Church and its members on how to pray.** **PAGE 103**

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