

PRIEST VOCAB

THE PRIESTHOOD

Directions: Cut out each vocab word on the dotted line. Each member of your group should take one vocab word.



THURIBLE

The smell of incense is very noticeable in church. The thurible is the metal container that burns charcoal and incense. It usually hangs from chains and is swung by the priest to distribute incense around the church. Incense smoke is symbolic of our prayers going up to heaven. So, when you see the smoke from the thurible, think about your prayers going up to God along with it.



STOLL

A Stoll is a long piece of fabric that goes around the priest's neck, and both ends hang down in the front. It will have a small cross which you may see a priest kiss when he puts it on. A man receives a Stoll when he becomes a priest. This happens at his ordination. The Stoll remains a sign of his priesthood.



ROMAN COLLAR

The roman collar is the white collar around a priest's neck. The roman collar is a symbol of the priesthood. It visually sets priests apart from everyone else. Just like a wedding ring shows that a person is married, a roman collar shows that a man is a priest.



SEMINARY

Seminary is the school for men preparing to become priests. In seminary, men learn about God and the Church. They also pray together and grow in holiness. A priest will be in seminary for 5-9 years. That is a long time, but it is an important job! It takes time to learn and grow in holiness.



CASSOCK

The cassock is the black vestment that goes from the priest's neck down to his feet. Some priests wear a black shirt and pants instead. The color black is a symbol of death, which reminds the priest to love the Church like Jesus loves the Church and gave his life for her.