

Subject Specific Terminology

Religious Education

Year 9

Semester 2

Mary and the Saints	
Annunciation	When the angel Gabriel tells Mary she is to be the Mother of God
Beatification	A step towards sainthood as one miracle is identified
Canonisation	Official declaration of sainthood
Devotions	Rituals connected with attraction to a particular person / mystery
Nativity	The birth scene of Jesus
Saint	Person officially verified as a role model of the Church
Vocation	The role one identifies for their life e.g. religious, lay; married/ single
Images of Jesus	
Abstract	Not obvious, difficult to understand, needing interpretation
Allegory	Presenting an abstract or spiritual meaning
Apocalyptic	Dreams / visions – often to do with end of the world
Gospel Image	Representations portrayed in the gospel stories
Icon	A religious image
Image	A physical representation
Mediums	Forms of expression e.g. written, painted, sung
Christianity in the Middle Ages	
Conversion	A spiritual enlightenment causing a person to lead a new life
Feudal	Under the control of the manor system
Middle Ages	European historical period between roughly AD 500 and 1450
Medieval	Of the society of the middle ages
Monasticism	Monasticism is the ancient style of vowed religious life which typically includes community, prayer, common worship, silence, and work.
Monk	A person who practices monasticism, adopting a strict religious and ascetic lifestyle, usually in community with others following the same path.
Pilgrimage	A pilgrimage is a term primarily used in religion and spirituality of a long journey or search of great moral significance.
Religious Orders	Congregations of religious brothers, nuns and priest – devoted to 'rules' of founder
superstition	A belief in something not justified by reason or evidence.