Altar Servers Glossary

Alb		The long white robe that priests and servers wear (like you!)
Altar		The holy table of the Lord
Ambo		The holy place where God's word is spoken
Assembly		All of the people gathered together around Christ Jesus
Bishop	Marcel Damphousse	The head priest and teacher and leader in the church
Boat		The container that holds the incense (a substance burned for its smell) before it is burned.
Cantor	***************************************	A minister who leads the singing and sings the verses of the psalm

Chalice	A cup that holds the wine that becomes the blood of Christ
Chasuble	The large coloured garment that the priest wears over the other robes
Choir	Ministers who lead the singing
Church	The people of God; the members of the body of Christ. "Church" is our name, and we give our name to the building where we gather to do our most important work: worshipping God.
Ciborium	A dish that holds the gift of bread that becomes the body of Christ
Cincture	A rope used as a belt; worn with the alb
Communion Cups	Cups that are used to serve the wine during communion
Corporal	A linen cloth that is put on the altar, over the altar cloth, under the gifts of bread and wine

Credence table		The small table that holds the cups and plates and napkins when they are not being used.
Cruet		A container that holds water or wine
Deacon	Marcel Lefebvre	A minister ordained (officially appointed) to serve the poor and to serve the assembly by giving directions, reading the gospel, preaching and assisting at the altar.
Flagon		A large container that holds the wine.
Lavabo bowl		The bowl used to wash the priest's or deacon's hands. The word lavabo is Latin and it means "I wash"
Ministers room		The room in which the ministers meet and get ready to serve at Mass
Priest	Father Pat Woods	A minister ordained (officially appointed) to serve in a special way as a leader of the assembly, to read the gospel and to celebrate the sacraments

Presider's Chair	Where the priest sits
Purificator	A linen napkin used to wipe the cup that holds the blood of Christ
Roman Missal	The book of prayers for Mass
Sacristy	The room in which all the things used in the liturgy are stored and cared for and prepared
Sanctuary	The space around the altar and ambo. The word comes from a Latin word and means "holy place"
Tabernacle	The small cabinet that holds the bread of the Eucharist, the body of Christ
Thurible	The pot that holds the charcoal on which incense is burned. The thurible is a metal pot on a chain.