

Catechesis of the GOOD SHEPHERD

"Let the little children
come to Me."

Matthew 19:14

Engaging, hands-on learning for 3 to 6 year olds in the Atrium

(must be 3 years old by September 1, 2023 and potty trained.)

Sundays: 9:10 to 10:20am

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a response to the hunger of the child who wants to be close to God. It is an exciting alternative to traditional religious education. The hands on curriculum is structured so that it accommodates and nurtures the faith, moral, and physiological states of the child's growth. It is best to consider this program as a multi-year commitment since each session builds on previous sessions and each year build's on the child's experiences the previous year.



Curriculum

Because children respond in the same way to elements of the Christian message, the core curriculum includes the following.

***COVENANT** - the celebration of our relationship with God and with all people.

***CHRISTOLOGY** - the study of Jesus.

***LITURGY** - the language of "signs" as a vital aspect of our worship.

***SACRAMENTS** - gestures and words that help us on our life's journey and join us together with God and other people through Jesus.

These themes are offered in such a way as to develop the religious potential present in every child...the capacity to love and be loved.

The Atrium The Gathering Place

The environment, known as the atrium, is a special setting, child-sized and beautiful, where the child may come to know and enjoy the presence of God in his or her life. This place has often been described as a peaceful, prayerful experience for the child.

Generally a session in the Atrium will include

* A presentation of a part of the Bible or Liturgy given to the children by the Catechist.

* A significant period of time for children to work with materials of their own choice on their own

* A gathering time of worship at the prayer table



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