Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2: October 2024

Introduction to the Atrium, Prayer Table, and Nomenclature

What a gift to return to the Atrium! We began, as always, with an orientation to the Atrium and this holy space, this time as a Level 2 child!

Enthronement of the Bible & Illumination of God's Word in the Bible

We know so well that the Bible is God's Word and that it is precious and holy. In Level 2, we present that the Bible is God's Word for all people of all times. The Bible wasn't even originally written in English! We have Bibles in various languages, including Greek and Latin, for the children to explore as they come to this understanding.

The children can now illuminate verses and passages from the Bible, just as they have witnessed in the Atrium.

La Fettucia Meditation

With this work, we hope to awaken wonder and awe in offering the "big picture" of Salvation History and ponder the three moments of the history of the Kingdom of God: *Creation, Redemption, and Parousia*. With a ribbon, we talk through and highlight all of these moments from "let there be light" to the creation of animals (and not just one kind of animal, but so many kinds!) to the arrival of humans and our unique role as collaborators with God.

God then brought into our lives a time of Redemption, the Risen Light of Jesus. We discuss many moments in Jesus' life.

We are now at a time that we write our "blank page" of history to come as we joyfully wait and prepare the path to Parousia when God will be "All in All" as the Bible reveals to us.

Blue Unity Strip

God has always had a plan for us and has gifted us with so many gifts in Creation and Redemption. We respond to God's gifts by listening deeply to His voice and writing well on our *Blank Page* through how we live our lives as we wait for the moment of Parousia when God will be "all in all."

The Lord's Prayer

We lift up the Lord's Prayer and ponder it line by line after putting it in the correct order. We can also do this with our other Catholic prayers in the Atrium. "Lord, teach us to pray..."

Level 2 Altar Collage

As the children return to the Atrium and come back to the Model Altar, we continue to work on our nomenclature of these holy items. Now, we can make a collage with all of our altar linens and vessels!

