

## 1.0 Faith enables a person to make sense of life.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is grounded in the belief that the child already has a relationship with God before arriving in the Atrium, but desires to explore and celebrate that relationship. The Catechesis seeks to help the child's relationship with God flourish by pondering with the child core mysteries of the faith in a way that is respectful of both the child at each phase of development and the rich scriptural and liturgical heritage of our Catholic sacramental tradition. The catechist creates an environment in which the child can fall in love with God. In this environment, the catechist proclaims the good news and invites the child's personal response. Following proclamation, the child works with materials that allow him or her to reflect on God's many gifts. While in the Atrium the child connects the gift of faith with his or her physical, spiritual, intellectual world. This approach enables the child to make sense of life in the light of faith.

While some presentations are listed under the sub components below, the claim could be made that all of the work with children in The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is related to this component and its sub - components. The contemplation of mystery, the exploration of human questions and the answers found in the Catholic faith that shape how we live in some way are connected to every presentation that children receive.

Key: Red = Level I (3–6 yrs) Green = Level II (6–9 yrs) Blue = Level III (9–12 yrs)

1.1 Life is mysterious; our hearts long to make sense of life and to find meaning in our lives.

The Mustard Seed

The Mystery of Life and Death

1.2 Everyone asks certain questions.

La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God

The Blue Unity Strip

The History of the Gifts

1.3 Religion provides ultimate answers to the basic questions of life.

La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God

The Blue Unity Strip

The History of the Gifts

1.4 Catholic Christians See, Celebrate, Live life a certain way.

La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God

The Blue Unity Strip

The History of the Gifts

The Plan of God

## **2.0 Knowledge and skills are needed to find in Scripture a source of nourishment for our own life with God and neighbor.**

Scripture is the foundation of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Children learn about the structure and organization of the bible, biblical narratives, biblical themes. Through a study of biblical geography, parables, prophesies, miracles, infancy narratives, paschal narratives, typology the children gain knowledge and skills needed to find in Scripture a source of nourishment for our own life with God and neighbor. The contemplative environment of the atrium encourages the child to meditate on the word of God.

2.1 The Bible is a written record of God's Revelation, which is His encounter with a people to bring them to new life.

[The Bible in the Prayer Corner](#)

[Infancy Narratives](#)

[Kingdom of God Parables](#)

[Messianic Prophecies](#)

[The Books of the Bible](#)

[La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[The History of the Gifts](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God Individual Work \(Fettuccia\)](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and the Holy Bible \(Open Book\)](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

2.2 The Church is the authentic interpreter of the Bible. The Bible is the Church's book. It needs to be read according to the Church's understanding as expressed by Tradition.

[The Bible in the Prayer Corner](#)

[The Books of the Bible](#)

[Creation - Typology Study](#)

[The Fall - Typology Study](#)

[The Flood - Typology Study](#)

[Abraham - Typology Study](#)

[Moses, Exodus and Gift of Law - Typology Study](#)

2.3 There is a structure and organization to the Bible. The Catholic Bible, finalized by the Church, is called the scriptural canon - the Church's certification of its authenticity.

[The Bible in the Prayer Corner](#)

[The Books of the Bible](#)

[The Origin of the Eucharist](#)

[The Origin of the Liturgy of the Word - The Synagogue](#)

2.4 The Bible developed over a period of time. In order to understand it, the presentation of the cultural, historical, literary, faith context of the times is necessary to discover the sacred author's intentions (exegesis).

Background historical context is given before reading from scripture (all levels).

[The Bible in the Prayer Corner](#)

[The Books of the Bible](#)

[Creation - Typology Study](#)

[The Fall - Typology Study](#)

[The Flood - Typology Study](#)

[Abraham - Typology Study](#)

[Moses, Exodus and the Gift of Law - Typology Study](#)

2.5 The Spirit inspired the sacred authors so that the stories and messages of the Bible continue to give new life to readers today and to sustain and shape the community of believers.

[Pentecost Celebration](#)

[The Annunciation](#)

[The Books of the Bible](#)

[Typology Studies](#)

[Prophet Studies](#)

2.6 The Biblical narratives, from Creation through the proclamation of the Gospel, tell the story of God's creating, saving, transforming love (Salvation History).

[The Messianic Prophecies](#)

[The Infancy Narratives](#)

[The Kingdom of God Parables](#)

[The Good Shepherd Parables](#)

[The Cenacle](#)

[The Empty Tomb](#)

[La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[The History of the Gifts](#)

[Synthesis of the Level I Prophecies](#)

[Prophecy of the Valleys and Mountains](#)

[Prophecy of the Shoot of Jesse](#)

[Prophecy of the Peaceable Kingdom](#)

[Pentecost](#)

[The Level II Maxims](#)

[The Summary of the Law](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God Individual Work \(Fettuccia\)](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and the Holy Bible](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[The People and The Peoples of God](#)

My Century

2000 Years

The History of the Kingdom of God and My Place in It

The History of the Jewish People

Worship in Israel

The Holy Bible and the Parousia

Creation - Typology Study

The Fall - Typology Study

The Flood - Typology Study

Abraham - Typology Study

Moses, Exodus and Gift of the Law - Scripture and Typology

Call/Vocation of the Prophets

Struggles of the Prophets

Content of the Prophecies

2.7 Certain key themes (e.g., grace, sin, freedom, call, response, covenant, etc.) help one understand the Biblical message of God's saving love.

Infancy Narratives

Kingdom of God Parables

Messianic Prophecies

The Cenacle

Empty Tomb

The Good Shepherd

Passion Narratives

Resurrection Narratives

Creation - Typology Study

The Fall - Typology Study

The Flood - Typology Study

Abraham-Typology Study

Moses, Exodus and Gift of the Law - Typology Study

Call/Vocation of the Prophets

Struggles of the Prophets

Content of the Prophecies

### **3.0 Creation is God's first revelation of love and invitation for men and women to grow in loving relationship with creation, their neighbor and God.**

The child sees the power of God and connects it to the divine power creating and growing plants, animals, humans throughout creation. The child learns about the unfolding of the Kingdom of God in time - learning that since the beginning of time God had a plan to bring creation to the fullness of life. God's plan culminates in God's ultimate gift, Jesus, the gift of His own life and light. The children reflect upon salvation history and their own personal response and responsibility.

3.1 All of life is a gift of God's love and there exist a purpose, goodness, interdependency in all of creation.

[The Mustard Seed](#)

[La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[The History of the Gifts](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God Individual Work \(Fettuccia\)](#)

3.2 Men and women, created in God's image, have a special dignity; God desires an intimate and loving relationship with us.

[The Good Shepherd](#)

[The Found Sheep](#)

[The Mustard Seed](#)

[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd](#)

[The True Vine I & II](#)

[La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[The History of the Gifts](#)

[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd with International Figures](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God Individual Work \(Fettuccia\)](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and My Place in It](#)

3.3 Men and women have special responsibilities as stewards of God's creation.

[Practical Life Exercises](#)

[La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[The History of the Gifts](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God Individual Work \(Fettuccia\)](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and My Place in It](#)

3.4 The wounded nature of humanity affects every man and woman and makes it more difficult to live God's way.

[The True Vine II](#)

[Rite of Reconciliation](#)

[Creation - Typology Study](#)

[The Fall - Typology Study](#)

[Virtues](#)

3.5 God promises a Savior, one who will finally enable men and women to live God's way of life (i.e., Kingdom of God).

[The Messianic Prophecies \(5\)](#)

[Infancy Narratives](#)

[Globe and Raised Surface Map of Israel](#)

[Puzzle Map of Israel \(regions & waterways\)](#)

[La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[Gifts Strip](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[The People and The Peoples of God](#)

[Message of the Prophets](#)

#### **4.0 Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God and the Son of Mary (fully Divine and fully Human) and reveals to us the Trinity: Father, Son, Spirit.**

Through the study of geography and the unfolding of God's plan in time the children come to know the land of Israel in Jesus' time as the time and place where God chose to become man and walk on this earth - fully God and fully human. By spending time with his mother Mary's "Yes" at the Annunciation they come to the realization that it was made possible through the Holy Spirit. The trinity is revealed to the children by the learning of the sign of the cross and by contemplating and reliving the experience of the words used at their own baptism.

4.1 The Gospels reveal key moments in the life of Jesus.

The Annunciation

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

The Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds

The Adoration of the Magi

The Presentation in the Temple

The Cenacle (Last Supper)

The City of Jerusalem

The Empty Tomb

The Globe and Raised Surface Map of Israel

Meditations on the Passion Narratives

The Empty Tomb

Meditations on the Resurrection Narratives

Pentecost

Synthesis of the Infancy Narratives

Expanded Annunciation

Expanded Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Expanded Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds

Expanded Adoration of the Magi

Expanded Presentation in the Temple

The Flight into Egypt

4.2 The Paschal Mystery (i.e., the passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus) is central to our lives as disciples.

Altar 1 - Basic Articles

The Cenacle (Last Supper)

The City of Jerusalem

The Empty Tomb

The Globe and Raised Surface Map of Israel

The Origin of the Eucharist

Last Supper Re - enactment

The City of Jerusalem - expanded

Meditations on the Passion Narratives

Meditations on the Resurrection Narratives

The Mystery of Life and Death (Grain of Wheat)

Pentecost

The Mystery of Faith

Further work with the Passion Narratives

Further work with the Resurrection Narratives

4.3 Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Son of Mary.

Globe and Raised Surface Map of Israel

Puzzle Map of Israel (regions & waterways)

The Annunciation

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

The Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds

The Adoration of the Magi

The Presentation in the Temple

The Cenacle (Last Supper)

The City of Jerusalem

The Empty Tomb

Pin Maps

Expanded Annunciation

Expanded Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Expanded Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds

Expanded Adoration of the Magi

Expanded Presentation in the Temple

The Flight into Egypt

Synthesis of the Infancy Narratives

The Healing of the Centurion's Servant

The Origin of the Eucharist

Further Synthesis work with the Infancy Narratives

4.4 Through his teaching and healing, Jesus reveals to us the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

The Sign of the Cross

Baptism III (Gestures)

Pentecost Celebration

True Vine I & II

The healing of the Centurions' Servant

Miracles

4.5 Jesus teaches us how to love our neighbor and establishes a new covenant between God and humanity and among humans; the heart of the new covenant is love.

The Mustard Seed

The Pearl of Great Price

The Hidden Treasure

The Growing Seed

The Leaven

The Good Shepherd



The Found Sheep  
The Mystery of Life and Death (The Grain of Wheat)  
The Mustard Seed (further moment)  
The Precious Pearl (further moment)  
Synthesis of the Level I Kingdom Parables  
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector  
The Insistent Friend  
The Ten Bridesmaids  
The Good Samaritan  
The Sower  
The Found Coin / Found Sheep  
The Forgiving Father  
The Level II Maxims  
The True Vine I and II  
The Good Shepherd with the Wolf and Hireling  
The Mystery of Life and Death (The Grain of Wheat)  
Miracles  
The Mustard Seed - expanded meditation  
The Precious Pearl - expanded meditation  
The Workers in the Vineyard  
The Ten Bridesmaids  
The Talents  
Debtors  
Level III Maxims  
Maxims in the Cosmos  
Virtues

## 5.0 The Church is the community of Christ's disciples.

The Atrium is a sacred space, not just a classroom. Life in the Atrium is meant to be lived out as a Christian community of adults and children listening to God together. The room belongs to the children and they are encouraged to take care of and respect the space in the same way we take care of and respect the church as a community. (Stewardship) In living this out children are formed in what it means to be a community of Christ's disciples.

5.1 The Catholic Church embodies the Church of Jesus Christ in the most complete way because of its: continuity (Apostolic); vision (Catholic); community and structure (One); and sacramental life (Holy).

[The Cenacle \(Last Supper\)](#)

[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd](#)

[The Origin of the Eucharist](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[The Origin of the Liturgy of the Word - The Synagogue,](#)

5.2 The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, is meant to reflect and make visible the life of the Trinity.

[Baptism III - Gestures](#)

[The Rite of Baptism](#)

[The True Vine I and II](#)

[The Complete Rite of Baptism](#)

5.3 Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are enabled to share in the life of the Trinity, invited to discipleship, become members of the Church.

[Baptism I \(Light and White Garment\)](#)

[Baptism II \(Gospel, Water, Oils\)](#)

[Baptism III \(Gestures\)](#)

[Synthesis of the Level I Baptism](#)

[The Rite of Baptism](#)

[The Complete Rite of Baptism](#)

5.4 The Holy Spirit guides the Church as it continues the Mission of Christ.

[Pentecost](#)

[The Origin of the Eucharist](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

5.5 The responsibility of maintaining the well - being of the Church belongs to each member. Bishops, Priests, Deacons, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, constitute the hierarchy and have special responsibilities.

[The Good Shepherd](#)

[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd](#)

[Vestments of the Priest](#)

[The True Vine I and II](#)  
[The Origin of the Eucharist](#)  
[Vestments of the Bishop](#)  
[The Holy Bible and the Sacraments](#)

5.6 The primary role of the Bishop is to oversee the carrying - out of the mission of the Church by developing and fostering **unity** within the local (arch)diocesan Church and the Universal Church. The primary role of the Priest is to **remember and proclaim** the story of God's saving actions especially as manifested in Jesus Christ. The primary role of the Deacon is to lead and remind people of the need to reach out in loving **service** to one's neighbor. The Bishop, Priest, or Deacon presides when the community gathers together to celebrate the sacraments and pray.

[Vestments of the Priest](#)  
[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd](#)  
[The Origin of the Eucharist](#)  
[The Eucharistic presence of the Good Shepherd](#)  
[The Rite of Confirmation](#)  
[Vestments of the Bishop](#)

5.7 There are transforming personalities, moments, movements throughout the Church's history (e.g., Fathers and Doctors of the Church, Councils of the Church, Monastic communities, Saints, scandals and schisms, etc.).

[The Plan of God](#)  
[2000 Years](#)  
[Schisms in the Church and Ecumenism](#)

5.8 There are a variety of images and models that can help one understand and appreciate the Church. The Church acts as a model, catalyst, support for its members in Seeing, Celebrating, Living as Christ taught.

[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd](#)  
[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd - International Figures](#)  
[The Good Shepherd - Wolf and Hireling](#)  
[The Ten Bridesmaids](#)  
[The Wedding Feast](#)  
[The True Vine I and II](#)

5.9 Both the Ecumenical movement (among Christian Churches) and the Interfaith movement (among non - Christian religions) are necessary to bring about God's Reign in all of its fullness.

[The Good Shepherd](#)  
[Schisms in the Church and Ecumenism](#)  
[The Plan of God](#)  
[History of the Jewish People](#)

## **6.0 The Seven Sacraments of the Church are encounters with the Risen Christ in which one responds and grows as a disciple.**

Some of the first presentations given to children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd connect the sacraments of initiation to the risen life of Christ. Sacraments are presented as a primary way the risen light and life of Jesus spread around the world and lead us to that time when God will be all in all (the Parousia.)

6.1 The Church, in Christ, is like a sacrament.

[The Plan of God](#)

[The Holy Bible and the Sacraments](#)

6.2 The Seven Sacraments are sacraments of the Church and their celebration constitutes the central prayer of the Church.

6.2.A There are three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.

[Baptism I \(Light and White Garment\)](#)

[Baptism II \(Gospel, Water, Oils\)](#)

[Baptism III \(Gestures\)](#)

[Altar 1 - Basic Articles](#)

[Altar II - Jesus Present in the Word and the Tabernacle](#)

[Altar III - Remaining Articles](#)

[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd](#)

[Synthesis of Level I Baptism](#)

[The Rite of Baptism](#)

[Synthesis of the Mass](#)

[Altar Definition Cards](#)

[The Complete Rite of Baptism](#)

[The Complete Rite of Confirmation with articles, gestures and vestments of the Bishop  
Chrism](#)

[The Holy Bible and the Sacraments](#)

[The Structure of the Mass, Altar Definition Cards](#)

[The Rubrics of the Mass](#)

6.2.B There are two Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

[The True Vine II](#)

[The Rite of Reconciliation](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[Reconciliation Meditations \(Second Confession\)](#)

[Rite of Anointing of the Sick with articles, gestures and rite](#)

[The Holy Bible and the Sacraments](#)

6.2.C There are two Sacraments of Vocation/Service: Marriage and Holy Orders.

[The Holy Bible and the Sacraments](#)

[The The Plan of God](#)

## **7.0 The prayer of the Church community nourishes the life of each member and the community itself.**

The entire environment of the Atrium is prepared specifically to encourage prayer, contemplation, silence. Each time an Atrium community gathers there is a significant time devoted to prayer. The Atrium community lives along with the church the cycle of the liturgical year. Through this lived prayer experience, children's lives and the lives of the community are nourished by the Good Shepherd.

7.1 Prayers of blessing, praise, thanksgiving, sorrow, intercession, petition express our relationship to God.

**The Prayer Corner**

Prayer Services

The Insistent Friend

The Pharisee and the Publican

The Our Father

7.2 The Eucharistic liturgy is “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church’s power flows.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #10)

**Altar I**

**Altar II**

**Altar III**

**Vestments of the Priest**

**Gesture of Epiclesis**

**Gesture of Offering**

**Preparation of the Chalice**

**Lavabo (Gesture of the Washing of the Hands)**

**Sign of Peace**

**The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd**

**Preparation of the Cruets**

**Liturgical Colors**

**Liturgical Calendar**

Gesture of Epiclesis - expanded

Gesture of Offering - expanded

The Sign of Peace with the Breaking of the Bread

Lavabo (Gesture of the Washing of the Hands)

The Mystery of Faith

The Synthesis of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd with International Figures

The Origin of the Eucharist

The Last Supper Re - enactment

The Origin of the Liturgy of the Word - The Synagogue

The Structure of the Mass

The Rubrics of the Mass (Colored Base Material) and “Second Missal”

Preface

The Mystery of Faith  
The Mystery of Faith and the Prayers of Intercession  
Propers  
The Story of Bread

7.3 The Liturgical Year provides a context and stimulus for acquiring the mind, heart, hands of Christ (i.e., understanding the life and teaching of Christ.)

Liturgical Colors

The Liturgical Calendar

Celebrations in the Atrium based on the Liturgical year

The Liturgical Calendar II

The Liturgical Calendar

7.4 Ritual, art, architecture, music all have an important role to play in fostering active participation in the liturgy.

Communal Prayer

The Origin of the Eucharist

This is experienced by being in the Atrium. Care is taken in the preparation of the environment and management of the Atrium so that the children are exposed to a variety of art, music and ritual that engages and draws us to worship.

**8.0 Christ calls us to be grateful disciples committed to praising God and proclaiming the Good News through loving service of neighbor and the promotion of justice.**

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is grounded in a theology of gift and response.***

In discovering the gift of the relationship with the Good Shepherd, the child naturally and joyfully responds with gratitude. This relationship continues to awaken a desire to deepen this relationship in the course of the child's experience of the Atrium. Then, having firmly rooted oneself in this abiding relationship with the Good Shepherd, the child is naturally ready and eager to serve in a way that offers the same justice offered to them. Atrium presentations heighten the child's sense of urgency to serve in the Kingdom of God and to promote peace and justice.

8.1 As disciples we are called to constant conversion and continual growth in virtue and holiness.

[The True Vine I and II](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and My Place in It](#)  
[Virtues](#)

[The Struggles of the Prophets](#)

8.2 The Holy Spirit helps us to grow as Christ's disciples with a variety of gifts, both for individuals and for the sake of the community.

[Pentecost](#)

[The True Vine I and II](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and My Place in It](#)  
[The Complete Rite of Confirmation](#)

8.3 The concept and exercise of stewardship enables us to grow in gratitude.

[Practical Life Exercises](#)

[The Ten Bridesmaids](#)

[The Talents](#)

8.4 Mary is the Mother of God and the model Disciple whose example inspires us to be faithful disciples of Christ.

[The Annunciation](#)

[The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth](#)

[The Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds](#)

[The Adoration of the Magi](#)

[The Presentation in the Temple](#)

[Expanded meditations of the above infancy narratives](#)

[The Flight into Egypt](#)

[Synthesis of the Infancy Narratives](#)

8.5 The Saints inspire us to grow as faithful disciples of Christ and help us through the Communion of Saints.

[Pentecost Celebration](#)

[2000 Years](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

8.6 As a disciple, we are called to share the Gospel and to witness to the Gospel especially in our concern for the poor and marginalized in the world.

[The Good Samaritan](#)

[Scripture Charts](#)

[The 6 - 9 Maxims](#)

[The Found Sheep](#)

[The Found Coin](#)

8.7 Having shared his life on earth, Christ wants his disciples to live forever (i.e., nature of heaven, purgatory and hell).

[Baptism](#)

[La Fettuccia: The History of the Kingdom of God](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[The History of the Gifts](#)

8.8 There are different roles in the Church (i.e., ordained, lay, vowed religious); each serves in proclaiming, witnessing, serving in the Church and in the world.

[Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd](#)

[Baptism I - Light and white garment](#)

[Baptism II - Word water and oil](#)

[Baptism III - Gestures](#)

[The Rite of Baptism - Complete](#)

[The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd with International Figures](#)

[Origin of the Eucharist](#)

[Baptism](#)



**9.0 Sacred Scripture and Church teaching provide us with: the meaning and sources of morality; the key concepts framing the moral life; and the guidance for making moral decisions in a complex world.**

Being in a loving relationship with God is the first step to a moral life. So the Catechist creates an environment in which a child can grow in a loving and intimate relationship with God. Scripture and Liturgy are used as basis of all curricula in the atrium. The Word of God is held, read, treated with the utmost reverence in all presentations and communal prayer experiences in the atrium. Moral Formation is a natural outgrowth of this ongoing, abiding relationship, along with church teaching. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd invites the child into this mystery in a way that allows them an avenue to make sense of life thru God's view.

9.1 To be moral as a Christian means acting as Christ would act.

Summary of the Law and the Maxims

9.2 Christ's new command of love, as expressed in the Beatitudes, is at the heart of Christian morality and fulfills the Ten Commandments.

The Good Shepherd

The Mustard Seed (further moment)

The Precious Pearl (further moment)

Synthesis of the Level I Kingdom Parables ?

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

The Insistent Friend

The Ten Bridesmaids

The Good Samaritan

The Sower

The Found Coin / Found Sheep

The Forgiving Father

The Level II Maxims

The True Vine I and II

The Good Shepherd with the Wolf and Hireling

The Mystery of Life and Death (the Grain of Wheat)

9.3 Sin is a failure in genuine love for God, neighbor, creation.

The True Vine I and II

The Rite of Reconciliation

Reconciliation Meditations

9.4 There are different degrees of seriousness to sin.

True Vine I and II

Meditations leading up to First Reconciliation

Armor of Light Reconciliation Meditations

9.5 The Church's moral teachings inspire, guide, correct, strengthen us as Christ's disciples.

[The True Vine I and II](#)

[The Level II Maxims](#)

9.6 Respect for human life and commitment to the common good provide a framework for the central moral teachings of the Church and are the basis for challenging certain presuppositions of economics, science, technology, common/popular views of the human person and the purpose of life.

[The Mustard Seed](#)

[The Good Samaritan](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[My Century](#)

9.7 Christian morality goes beyond personal morality and calls us to influence the social fabric of our society and culture.

[La Fettuccia](#)

[The Blue Unity Strip](#)

[The History of the Gifts](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God Individual Work \(Fettuccina\)](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and the Holy Bible \(Open Book\)](#)

[The Plan of God](#)

[Peoples and the Peoples of God](#)

[My Century](#)

[2000 Years](#)

[The History of the Kingdom of God and My Place in It](#)

9.8 Each person has a responsibility to form a mature conscience to assist him/her at each moment in doing good and avoiding evil.

[The Level II Maxims](#)

[The Rite of Reconciliation](#)

[Reconciliation Meditations \(Second Confession\)](#)

9.9 Grace is the relationship freely initiated by God that enables us to live out our identity as God's beloved and Christ's disciples.

[The Good Shepherd](#)

[The True Vine I and II](#)

[The Maxims](#)

**10.0 There are various forms of personal prayer that enable one to deepen their sense of being loved, of belonging, of making a difference.**

The atrium is a sacred space where all forms of prayer are encouraged and experienced.

The Prayer Corner

Walking the Line

Silence Games

Practical Life works

Song

Reading Scripture and working with materials

Prayer Services

The Our Father

10.1 Personal prayer is essential for growth as a disciple of Christ.

The Prayer Corner

The Our Father

The Level II Maxims

The Insistent Friend

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

10.2 Prayer is both expressive and formative of one's relationship with God.

The Prayer Corner

Communal Prayer Services

The Our Father

10. Level III The Church provides many prayers and devotions in her tradition (e.g., the Rosary, Stations, Litanies, etc.)

The Sign of the Cross

The Bible in the Prayer Corner

Genuflection

Psalm 23

Prayer Phrases: including beginning of Hail Mary & Magnificat

The Our Father

Psalm 23

Magnificat

Prayer Services

Communal Prayer

The Our Father

Psalm 23

Magnificat

The Nunc Dimittis

The Benedictus

10.4 There are many different methods of prayer (e.g., meditation, formal prayers, scripture based, contemplative, prayer methods from religious communities, etc.).

Prayer Services

10.5 There are certain times and rhythms that call one to pray and that foster prayer (e.g., morning, evening, meal grace, etc.).

Liturgical Calendar

Prayer Services

10.6 The Holy Spirit draws us to pray, helps us when prayer is difficult, leads us to experience God's presence within us.

The Annunciation

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Pentecost

Synthesis of the Infancy Narratives

The Passion Narratives

The Pentecost Celebrations that are experienced through all three levels invite those in the Atrium community to open themselves to the gifts offered by the Holy Spirit. The prayer experience not only teaches about, but also nourishes the relationship of the Holy Spirit within each person. This experience expands and deepens through the years.

Life in the Atrium invites us to listen to the voice of the Spirit of God.