

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEVEL II 2011-12
Summary of Presentations for November 2011

LA FETTUCCIA (THE UNITY AND VASTNESS OF THE HISTORY):

Doctrinal Content: The History of the Kingdom of God is one united history because of God's constant presence and activity. There are three great moments in the History of the Kingdom of God – Creation, Redemption, and Parousia. God created all nonliving and living creatures. He created humankind in his likeness to enjoy and care for all the gifts of Creation.

Direct Aims: To increase in the child the desire to know more about what is written in the Bible about the Kingdom of God and to awaken wonder and awe in the child.

The La Fettuccia material is presented over two weeks. The first week a meditation is done telling about the creation of the world (the moment of Creation) from space to rocks and minerals to sea life to plants and animals, and to people. The passing of long periods of time is stressed with the children. The people at that time wondered who could have created this beautiful world. They found in the Bible the words "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". Time passed and one day in Bethlehem Jesus the Savior was born, he lived, died, and rose (the moment of Redemption). The meditation continues with the blank page, that part of history which remains to be written and closes with the moment of Parousia, that time in history when God will be all in all.

The second week a Bible is opened to Genesis 1:1, and a very long ribbon (approximately 54 yards) is unrolled as the story is retold. The three great moments of Creation, Redemption, and Parousia are again stressed. At various times, the children are to reflect on the length of the ribbon indicating the passage of time. The children work with the materials, laying out the ribbon again, locating the three great moments, copying the text, making their own "ribbon strip", or doing an individual art response.

At Home: Read the story of Creation in Genesis Chapter 1 and talk about the three great moments – Creation, Redemption, Parousia.

THE ROMAN MISSAL THIRD ADDITION

Doctrinal Content: At times in the history of the Church the words to some prayers change in a Mass that we – the global church –celebrate as Jesus called us to during the Last Supper.

Direct Aim: To review the specific changes used during the prayers in the celebration of the Mass. Reiterate that the Mass is not changing, only some of the words used during the Mass are changing – due to new knowledge regarding translation/language/meaning.

Presentation: Over the course of two weeks each section of the Mass that has a change will be reviewed, discussed and practiced. The children will be working out of the booklet, "What's New About the Mass." This booklet will be sent home November 16 so you will be able to review it as a family.

Please note: Sign up for the Christmas Drama begins November 9. Father Curt will bless the First Grade Creches on November 16. No class on November 23 and 30 as we have Thanksgiving and Families Moving Forward.