

UPON THIS ROCK

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD AT ST PHILIP

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Pentecost Celebration



THE LITURGY OF THE LIGHT ALLOWS THE CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE THE RISEN LIGHT OF JESUS! SIGNIFANCE IS PLACED ON HOW THE LIGHT ALWAYS OVERCOMES THE DARKNESS. THE CHILDREN DRESS THE PASCHAL CANDLE AFTER UNBURING THE ALLELUIAS THEY PUT ASIDE FOR LENT. THE CEREMONY INCLUDES A RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES, SCRIPTURE READINGS, & SHARING IN THE RISEN LIGHT!



John Paul, 3, works with the Cenacle materials recalling the time when Jesus gathered his disciples in the upper room and said 'This is my Body. This is my Blood.' The children continue to ponder these words throughout many of the works in the atrium.



Come, Holy Spirit, and stir up in us all that we need to live well in your Kingdom. Amen

(Right) The Level 2 child begins to study the History of the Kingdom of God – Salvation History. The materials become larger and more complex. Two students have built the HKG timeline highlighting the 3 moments of Creation, Redemption, & Parousia. (Below) The Liturgical Calendar is introduced to the 4-year-old & then continually revisited through Levels 1, 2, & 3. This material teaches the seasons of the Church and how we exist and live around the life, death, & resurrection of Jesus. The older child learns the names of the Sundays and builds the entire Calendar contemplating where we are and where we are going next.



As we end the school year we also celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. This is a great celebration with all the children in the Atrium (Located in the Chapel of the Religious Education Building/Old Convent).

The children were introduced to the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. All of the children were invited to choose a particular gift – which we all received in our Baptism – to ask the Holy Spirit to stir up within their hearts and souls.



We begin another year of CGS at St Philip beginning in September 2023.

CGS is offered for grades K – 3 during CCD class from 6:00- 7:30pm on Wednesday nights.

All 3-6 year olds are welcome for our morning session on Fridays from 9:30- 11:00am!

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