

A CLOSER LOOK AT

The Level II Atrium

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Altar Works & the Liturgical Year

The Level II works continue to expand the child's understanding of nomenclature (names) and our ongoing life in the church, with regard to liturgy and our church year. These works challenge the child who is developing early reading and writing skills, and who is ready for expanded information about the mass and cycles of the year.

1st Year Works

Altar Articles is a naming work using miniature items of the altar and their corresponding labels.

Altar Description Cards expand on the items of the altar from level I with more information about how each item is used.

Altar Collage is a large and complicated cutting/coloring/pasting work that the children may work on at the end of their time in level I or at some time in level II.

2nd Year Works

Work with the *Liturgical Calendar* provides further information on the church year for the child. At this level we combine the seasons of the Church Year with the seasons of the Solar Year and the child integrates the information through the material. The child's understanding deepens as they begin to see our Church Year as "time outside of time."

3rd Year Works

The child who was beginning reading at age 6 or 7, may now work more with the *Description Cards* presented earlier. Further work includes a synthesis of the mass, which combines many previous works and a Child's Missal, which emphasizes the prayers and actions of the mass. The Missal is a great culminating work for the level II child.