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St. Raphael celebrates each child as a unique and cherished gift from God. Teachers and staff recognize the individual needs and desires of each student, and encourage them to explore, learn, and play in a safe and nurturing environment. Student-led play and learning nurtures the development of each child, while allowing them to express themselves in a unique and creative way.



These behaviors are encouraged through the preschool curriculum, Creative Curriculum, and through the Montessori-based Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum.

## Hands on Faith Formation through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

As part of the vital evangelizing mission of the Catholic Church, we believe that, “The project of the Catholic school is convincing only if carried out by people who are deeply motivated because they witness to a living encounter with Christ,” (Congregation for Catholic Education, 1997).



Our dedicated staff lead the children to an authentic encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ through daily prayer, weekly Mass, monthly rotation of traditional Catholic prayers, and especially through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (<https://www.cgsusa.org/>).



At the same time we build capacity in families to grow the “Domestic Church” of their own homes and family prayer times.



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