



From Becca, 24 – Catholic Campus Minister, University of Illinois

“The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has truly impacted my life. As a current student studying for a Master’s Degree in Theology, I have had the pleasure of exploring the catechetical theology behind the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and I honestly do not know why every parish is not implementing this program. The atrium taught me at a very young age how to recognize God’s presence in every aspect of my life, especially in a very sensory way (sights, sounds, smells, etc.) Specifically, I became more engaged in the liturgy, as I could point out and name different elements of the mass, such as what the priest’s vestments are called, what prayers are being said, and why the priest does certain motions with his body. I felt (and still feel) as if I had been given a secret glimpse into the treasure box of our beautiful faith. Also, through the Catechesis, I had the opportunity to enter more deeply into the Biblical stories and parables that we often take for granted. I was able to answer questions about parables and to recognize how their lessons could be directly applied to my own life. Overall, the Catechesis instilled in me a sense of beauty, wonder, and awe about the Catholic faith and it makes me more excited to share that with as many people as I can!”

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