

# FEATURES AND BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC MONTESSORI ENVIRONMENT

FEATURES	BENEFITS
<b>Freedom of choice of work, Freedom to repeat work as desired.</b>	Intrinsic motivation, internal locus of control, stronger sense of self, love of work, no fear of failure yet freedom to fail and learn from experiences, opportunity to “find your passion,” “Flow” = Emotional Intelligence.
<b>Prepared Environment of mutual respect</b>	Age-appropriate, targeted, limitless learning, less frustration, tolerance and acceptance of others’ differences, reinforcement and practice of courteous, respectful behaviors.
<b>Three-hour work period</b>	Time to explore in depth, greater sense of industry, opportunity for self-actualization, focused whole learning rather than fragmented subjects.
<b>Open-ended individualized and targeted lessons</b>	Nurtures independent thinking, active problem solving, self-assurance by working at own level and pace.
<b>Delight-directed</b>	Motivation, meaning and purpose, joyful learning, creativity, perseverance, self-confidence.
<b>Multi-aged Classroom</b>	Collaboration, team player, sense of identity, development of leadership and mentoring, group problem-solving abilities, no envy or competition but rather mutual support; social intelligence.
<b>Prepared Adult trained in Child Development</b>	Child’s uniqueness is facilitated, appreciated and developed along psychologically healthy norms
<b>Same teacher for 3 years</b>	Security, experience of being known and understood, relationships, reduces likelihood of missing recognition of various learning disorders in which early detection is important.
<b>Hands-on (Thomistic principles: “Nothing is in the intellect that was not first in the senses.”)</b>	Sensorial learning for multiple avenues of integrated experiential education, interest and enthusiasm, abstract concepts are observed, explored and mastered.
<b>Religious Experience in Prayer Environment with all of the above features</b>	Experiential and deep relationship with God, love of silence, love of personal prayer, greater participation in the Liturgy, opportunity to explore your own unique, irreplaceable role in the Kingdom of God.