

THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

<i>Jesus</i>	Truth	→	Way	→	Life
	↕		↕		↕
<i>Supernatural</i>	Faith	→	Hope	→	Love
	↕		↕		↕
<i>Natural</i>	Intellect	→	Imagination	→	Will

Commentary

In this chart note the following:

1. Jesus professes himself to be the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6).
2. The theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity. CCC 1812-1829
3. The intellect, imagination, and will are within the natural capacity of man. CCC 1705

The intellect is enlightened by faith, and is engaged by the truth that Jesus both is and that He transmits to us. Hope, the certain belief that our faith is true enlightens our imagination and is possible because Jesus is the way. Love is made alive by an act of our will and is made effective by the life and actions of Jesus Christ. All three stand and fall with each other. Without love, faith and hope are meaningless. Without hope, there is no faith and love turns to despair. Without faith one cannot hope or love.