

WHAT IS THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

Beginning in 1954, in Rome, Italy, Sofia Cavalletti and her co-worker, Gianna Gobbi, developed an approach which not only appealed to the profound religious intuition of younger and older children, but which evolved from the children themselves.

The **Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** was formed in 1984 in North America with its main aim being that of “involving adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood are predominate.”

Focusing on God’s unconditional love through the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Level 1 course is based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship. It is the foundation level training for the catechesis in general and for the 3 to 6 year old child in particular.

This course will give you the background formation as well as the skills to create a prepared environment, an atrium, and make presentations that enable the child to draw near God.

CERTIFICATION CREDIT

The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers certification for Level I after completion of Parts 1 and 2 (90 hours).

The Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas will grant 60 hours toward religious education catechist certification.



FORMATION LEADER

Diane Olsen has been involved in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 1990. She is certified in Levels I-III and was recognized as a formation leader in 2002. She coordinates the CGS program for more than 600 children at Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, Kan., and is a consultant for Johnson County CGS programs. Diane has a philosophy and math degree from St. John’s College in Santa Fe, N.M., and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Mo. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother.

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FINANCIAL AID

Applications for financial aid may be requested through the national CGS at www.cgsusa.org or through the Sonflower Region at cgsboardks@gmail.com.

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

An additional fee may be paid to Benedictine College to register for three hours of college credit for Level I, Part 1. Contact the college for more information.

College credit is an option, not a requirement, for this course.

FORMATION DATES

Sept. 14, 21, Oct. 12, 19, Nov. 9, 16,
2010

Jan. 11, 18, Feb. 8, 15, 2011
March 8, 22, April 5, 19, 2011

SCHEDULE

Formation sessions are from 6pm to 9pm.

LOCATION

Church of the Ascension is located at 9510 W. 127th Street. Enter in the Church lobby; take the stairs on the left to the lower level, meeting room on the left.

TUITION / REGISTRATION

Tuition.....\$350

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by August 25, 2010. The balance is due by the first day of class. Send completed registration form and deposit to:

Sonflower Region CGS
c/o Bonnie Mendoza
8974 Rene
Lenexa, KS 66215

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**FORMATION COURSE
FOR
CATECHISTS
OF CHILDREN 3 TO 6 YEARS OLD**



Level I, Part 1

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**SONFLOWER REGISTRATION FORM
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I
Level I, Part 1, Church of the Ascension, 2010-2011**

Name _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____ Email _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Parish _____

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Checks payable to SonFlower CGS (note: Level I, Part 1 – Church of the Ascension, 2010-2011)

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