

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 **National 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 I 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.

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.

LOCATION

Fr. Quigley Faith Formation Center
9201 Summit (East of Holy Trinity Church).
Enter through the north entrance. Take stairs to second floor, enter first hallway on the left.
Elevator is available through south entrance.

FORMATION LEADERS

Jeanne Wichman is trained in all three levels (for ages 3 to 6, 6 to 9 and 9 to 12) of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and has been working with children in the atrium since 1997. She studied under Rebekah Rojcewicz, an internationally recognized trainer. Jeanne helped begin the work of the Catechesis at Holy Trinity Parish. She is presently a catechist for Level I (3-6) and Level III (9-12) and works in the CGS office at Holy Trinity. She has a degree in psychology from the University of Missouri at Columbia and has taken theology classes through Benedictine College. Jeanne is married and has two children.

Diane Olsen has been active in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 1990, and was recognized as a formation leader in 2002. She coordinates the CGS program for over 600 children at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa, KS. Diane has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies with an emphasis on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (MAPS-CGS).

Marilee Quinn is certified in all three levels (ages 3 to 6, 6 to 9 and 9 to 12) of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and has been working with children in the atrium since 1990. She is currently coordinator of four atria serving ages 3 to 12 and training adults in the CGS in the Kansas City Kansas Diocese, Wichita Diocese, the Oklahoma City Diocese and Corpus Christi, TX. Marilee received a degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Kansas and an AMI Montessori certificate from Avila College. She is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and also the board of directors of SonFlower Region CGS. She is a mother, a grandmother and a full time Montessori directress.

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LEVEL I, PART 2

FORMATION DATES

Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, 2010
Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26 Apr. 16, 2011

SCHEDULE

Formation sessions will run from 9 AM to 4:30 PM.
Participants are invited to share Eucharist with the parish community before each class at 8 AM.

TUITION / REGISTRATION

Tuition.....\$350

Scholarships are available.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by June 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

FINANCIAL AID

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

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FORMATION COURSE
FOR
CATECHISTS
OF CHILDREN 3 TO 6 YEARS OLD



Level I, Part 2
September 2010 - April 2011
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
9150 Pflumm Rd.
Lenexa, KS 66215

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SONFLOWER REGISTRATION FORM
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3-6
Level I, Part 2 Formation, Holy Trinity, 2010-2011

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____
City/State/Zip _____ Parish _____

Registration form and \$100 Deposit due June 25, 2010

Make Checks payable to SonFlower Region CGS (note Level I, Part II, Holy Trinity, Lenexa, 2009)

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