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New members join the 2011 Board

At the SonFlower Region's first meeting of 2011, new board members were installed. They were Katrina Taggart from Topeka, Shannon Rasmussen of Lawrence, and Janet Duke from Wichita. We welcome them. Jo Thornley Cox, Julie Baltuska, and Marilee Quinn have completed their board terms. All three of these ladies were a part of the original board that started the SonFlower Region. We thank them for all that they have done for us and know that they will still be involved even though they are not on the acting board. Marilee will continue to consult with our new board because of her ties to the National Assoc. She has been serving on that board for two years.

Over the last year, the board has worked on revising the Policies and Procedures for formation leaders, formation courses, and Hostess/Registrars of the formation courses. These policies and procedures are posted on our Google group site. You can also read the bylaws on our Google group site at <http://groups.google.com/group/catechesis-of-the-good->

SonFlower Calendar

Save the dates!

March 12

Board Meeting in Lawrence

April 9

Spring Conference with Sister Irene Nowell, OSB
Lawrence, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 23

Board Meeting in Pittsburg

CGS-USA Benefits Every Catechist

Why should you add your name to the list of 1,300 members of the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

- Ongoing formation opportunities
- Publications that deepen our understanding of the child's religious potential
- Information from Sofia Cavalletti relating her continuing experiences with children in Rome
- Shared wisdom from the collective catechist experiences of those who have lived this work since the first generation of formation provided by Sofia
- Updates about changes to materials or presentations in the atrium
- Collaboration and communication with other catechists in and beyond our regions
- Scholarship and grant monies that bring formation and materials to those in need
- Discounts on Level II and Level III formation in the SonFlower Region
- Online materials manuals

Join the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd today. See cgsusa.org for membership information.

Where Can I Find Help With My Atrium?

I hear people all the time wondering how they can get help from their parishes with making materials for their atrium. Here is an idea! Go to the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Altar Society, and/or Home & School Organizations. Take a few materials with you, as well as your materials manual. Give a fifteen minute talk on what Good Shepherd is and how it

assists the children of your parish in their relationship with Jesus. Show the materials. Then, put your plea out for anyone that has a gift that they might be interested in offering to share with you. You will be surprised about how many people that no longer have children in the school have talents and desires to help with such a wonderful program. Take a chance

See this newsletter, formation brochures, and other information on our page in Google Groups.

Copy and paste or type this into your browser's address line:

<http://groups.google.com/group/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>

National Association of CGS is offering

Level II, Part I

July 17-29, 2011

More Information? Contact

Karen Maxwell at karenmaxwell@cgsusa.org

Or Rachel Faulman at rachelfaulman@cgsusa.org

Formation Courses

Financial Aid is available through the regional and national associations. See their web sites to apply.

Course Number: 1-688

Location: 401 Pioneer,
Seneca, KS 66538
Age Levels: ages 3-6
Contact: Angie Hammes , 785-
336-6205 ahammes@bbwi.net
Course Level: **Level I**
Course Part: **Part II**
Course Dates: Aug. 28, Oct. 9,
Dec. 4 2010; Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar.
12, Apr. 2, 2011
Formation Leader: Marilee
Quinn, Jeanne Wichman

Course Number: 1-742

Location: 9150 Pflumm Rd,
Lenexa, KS 66215
Age Levels: ages 3-6
Contact: Jeanne Wichman ,
913-492-4858
jcwichman10@yahoo.com
Course Level: **Level I**
Course Part: **Part I**
Course Dates: June 12-15, Nov.
6, 2010; Mar. 5, Apr. 30, 2011
Formation Leader: Diane Olsen

Course Number: 1-776

Location: 618 N. Derby, Derby,
KS 67037
Age Levels: ages 3-6
Contact: Marcia Helten ,
573-280-7574
ateach93@cox.net
Course Level: **Level I**
Course Part: **Part I**
Course Dates: Nov. 22-23, 2010;
Feb. 5, Mar. 26, Apr. 16, June
29-30, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 21-
22, 2011; Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr.
21, 2012
Formation Leader: Marilee

Course Number: 1-693

Location: 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS
66215
Age Levels: ages 3-6
Contact: Jeanne Wichman ,
913-492-4858
jcwichman@yahoo.com
Course Level: **Level I**
Course Part: **Part II**
Course Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov.
20, 2010; Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26,
Apr. 16, 2011
Formation Leader: Marilee Quinn,
Diane Olsen, Jeanne Wichman

Course Number: 2-249

Location: 1208 Kentucky St,
Lawrence, KS 66044
Age Levels: ages 6-9
Contact: Pat Domann
domann@saint-johns.net
Course Level: **Level II**
Course Part: **Part II**
Course Dates: Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov.
7, 2010; Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19,
Apr. 9, 2011
Formation Leader: Marilee Quinn,

Course Number: 1-785

Location: 9150 Pflumm, Lenexa, KS
66215
Age Levels: ages 3-6
Contact: Diane Olsen , 913-895-
0662 htcgs@htlenexa.org
Course Level: **Level I**
Course Part: **Part I**
Course Dates: Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10,
17; Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 14, 28;
May 5, 12, 2011
Formation Leader: Diane Olsen

Course Number: 1-763

Location: 9510 W 127th St,
Overland Park, KS 66213
Age Levels: ages 3-6
Contact: Alisa Matteoni , 913-685-
8178 matteoni@sbcglobal.net
Course Level: **Level I**
Course Part: **Part I**
Course Dates: Sept. 14, 21, Oct. 12,
19, Nov. 9, 16, 2010; Jan. 11, 18,
Feb. 8, 15, Mar. 8, 22, Apr. 5, 19,
2011
Formation Leader: Diane Olsen

Course Number: 3-89

Location: 9201 Summit, Lenexa,
KS 66215
Age Levels: ages 9-12
Contact: Julie Baltuska , 913-492-
4842 johntentwentyeight
@yahoo.com
Course Level: **Level III**
Course Part: **Part I**
Course Dates: Sept. 19, Oct. 17,
Nov. 21, Dec. 5, 2010; Jan. 9, Feb.
20, Mar. 27, Apr. 10, 2011
Formation Leader: Marilee Quinn,
Julie Baltuska

Course Number: 2-281

Location: 301 E 9th St, Pittsburg,
KS 66762
Age Levels: ages 6-9
Contact: Sharon Compton
620-231-6941
tcompton4@cox.net
Course Level: **Level II**
Course Part: **Part I**
Course Dates: Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb.
1, 8, 15, 22; Mar. 1, 8, 15, 29;
Apr. 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17,
2011
Formation Leader: Frances Casey

Missing Members

We have several members whom we do not have current information on. If you know any of these missing members and have contact information for them, please send it to Marcia Helten at CGSBoardKS@gmail.com. Help us to keep everyone up-to-date on SonFlower CGS news.

Cindi Panek
Jodi Tuttle
Marlene Simons
Joan Hampton
Sally Graham
Jennifer O'Leary

Doug Saltz
Kim Hutto
Nichole Kelley
Julie Pracht
Susan Gliesman
Leann Osner

Jane Wood
Lynda Duncan
Sue Martin
Marci Englert
Marie Apel



Prayer Requests

- For Kara Malcom's two new babies, Anderson and Madilyn.
- For Francie Casey and her health.
- For all of our military and their families.
- For the growth of CGS atria.
- For catechists to have strength to over-come obstacles.
- Sofia Cavalletti; her comfort and courage.
- For Marigene DesMarteau, Marilee's host family in Wichita.
- For Dennis Quinn and his restored health.
- For the National Association board and staff.

Spring Enrichment

Sister Irene Nowell, OSB
Shares her work with the
Saint John's Bible

April 9, 2011
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist
Church Building
1208 Kentucky
Lawrence, KS 66044

Sister Irene is a Benedictine of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas. She teaches Scripture both in the classroom and on the web. She has written three books: Sing a New Song: The Responsorial Psalm in the Sunday Liturgy and Women in the Old Testament, both published by Liturgical Press, and 101 Questions and Answers on Angels and Devils, published by Paulist in the fall of 2010. She is an associate editor and writes frequently for The Bible Today. She is a member of the committee on illuminations and texts (CIT) for the Saint John's Bible

You'll want to be there!

I Have an Atrium

What is the SonFlower Region?

The Regional Board developed the following Purpose, Mission Statement, and Vision. Annual strategic goals are set each year in January. Please read these to have a better understanding of what our SonFlower organization is.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the SonFlower Region of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to assist the involvement of adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood predominate.

MISSION STATEMENT

With the guidance of Father, Son, and Spirit and in accordance with the National Association and the International Council of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the mission of the SonFlower Region of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to nurture understanding of the religious potential of children and support the growth of CGS atria in the state of Kansas and the Kansas City, Mo., metro area.

VISION

The SonFlower Region will provide ongoing formation and enrichment opportunities for regional catechists.

The SonFlower Region will spread the understanding of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd by educating church leaders and offering "Seed Plantings" at the school, parish, and diocesan levels.

The SonFlower Region will develop the infrastructure of the organization with the guidance of an elected board.

The SonFlower Region will establish regular contact with catechists through written, voice, and visual electronic media.

The SonFlower Region will promote membership in the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, work in harmony with it, and provide support when requested.

The SonFlower Region will develop methods of raising funds, including grant proposals, if a need is

We all have an atrium that has many children coming through every week. If you have a special story or work of art that you would like to share with us, please send it to Marcia Helten at CGSBoardKS@gmail.com. We will publish as many of those stories as we can in our quarterly newsletters for all to enjoy.

Be sure to get a release from the children's parents if you have some art for publication. A copy of the form can be printed out from the National Association's web site: cgsusa.org.

We'd also welcome any requests for prayers, questions, ideas, volunteers, or calls for help. Keep us updated on changes in your personal and atrium information. This newsletter is one way for all of us to keep in touch.

Many questions! Where are answers?

Catechists often send the board questions that really need to be answered through a region-wide discussion. That's what our Google groups page is for. Register for free.

When you register as a member on our Son Flower page, you may present topics and comment on others' thoughts. Some potential topics:

- How do parishes help catechists with their training expenses?
- How does CGS fit with traditional parish sacrament preparation?
- How much is tuition at atria?
- Where can I get nontoxic polish?

See our Google group page at:
<http://groups.google.com/group/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>

The SonFlower Region is for you! Help make This a meaningful organization. Log into Google groups today.