

WHAT IS THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

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

The **National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** was formed in 1984 in North America with its purpose as "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.

SCHEDULE

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

LEVEL 1, PART 1, FORMATION DATES

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 14, 2009
Jan. 16, Feb. 13, March 13, and April 17, 2010

LOCATION

Father Quigley Formation Center
9201 Summit, Lenexa, Kan.
East of Holy Trinity Church, enter north door; take stairs to second floor. CGS is the first hall on the left.



TUITION/REGISTRATION

Tuition\$350

Scholarships are available through the regional and national associations.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by Sept. 19, 2009. The balance is due by the first day of class unless arrangements have been made with the SonFlower treasurer, Bonnie Mendoza.

Send completed registration form and \$100 deposit to:

SonFlower Region of the CGS
c/o Bonnie Mendoza
8974 Rene
Lenexa, KS 66215

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Three credit hours \$195

The additional fee is paid to Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., to register for three hours of college credit for Level I, Part I. College credit is an option, not a requirement, for this course.

FORMATION LEADERS

Diane Olsen has been involved in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 1990. She received formation in all three levels under nationally and internationally recognized trainers. She is the coordinator of the CGS at Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa. Diane has philosophy and math degrees from St. John's College in Santa Fe, N.M., and is completing her Master's in Pastoral Studies-CGS at the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis. Diane is married and the mother of six children.

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 coordinator of four atria serving youngsters ages 3 to 12 and a CGS formation leader for adults in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan.; the Diocese of Wichita; the Diocese of Oklahoma City; and Corpus Christi, Texas. 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 board of directors of the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and also the board of directors of the SonFlower Region of the CGS. She is a mother, a grandmother, and a full-time Montessori directress.

Jeanne Wichman also is certified in all three levels 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 currently 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.

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FORMATION COURSE FOR CATECHISTS

of children 3 to 6 years old

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Registration Form Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, Part I, Formation – Fall 2009 – Holy Trinity, Lenexa, Kansas

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

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Make checks payable to SonFlower Region CGS (note Level I, Part I – Holy Trinity 2009)

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