

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 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 main aim being that of “involving adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood are predominate.” The SonFlower Region – Kansas and the Kansas City area in Missouri – was established in 2007.

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, or atrium, and make presentations that enable the child to draw near to God.

CLASS DATES

July 24 - 27 and Oct. 25, 2008
Jan. 31 and March 28, 2009

SCHEDULE

Formation sessions are offered on one long weekend of four days and three additional Saturdays during the year from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Sunday class is from 12 to 6 p.m. Participants are invited to share Eucharist with the parish community before each class.



TUITION / REGISTRATION

Tuition.....\$350*

*\$325 if you are a member of the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Please include a receipt for national membership to receive this discount.

Along with your tuition of \$350, you will receive membership in the national association.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is due by June 15, 2008. The balance is due by the first day of class. If the minimum enrollment of 20 participants is not met by July 1, the class will be canceled and your deposit returned to you. Send completed registration form and deposit to:

Holy Trinity Church / SonFlower CGS
9150 Pflumm Rd.
Lenexa, KS 66215

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Three credit hours.....\$195

An additional fee may be paid to Benedictine College to register for three hours of college credit for Level I, Part I. (College credit is an option, not a requirement for this course.)

COURSE LOCATION

Fr. Quigley Faith Formation Center
9201 Summit, Lenexa., Kan.
East of Holy Trinity Church
Enter through the south entrance. Go to the 2nd floor. Go left. Follow hall to last door on right.

TRAINERS

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 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.

Diane Olsen has been involved in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 1990. She studied all three levels, training under nationally and internationally recognized trainers. She is the current coordinator of the CGS at Holy Trinity Parish. Diane has a philosophy and math degree from St. John’s College in Santa Fe, N.M., and is married and the mother of six children.

Marilee Quinn has studied the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for all three levels 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 Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan., and the dioceses of Wichita, Kan.; Des Moines, Iowa, 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 mother, a grandmother and a full-time Montessori directress.

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

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*Level I, Part II to be determined
2009/2010*

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**Registration Form
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3-6
Level I, Part I Formation, Holy Trinity, 2008 - 2009**

Name _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____ Email _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Parish _____

Registration form and \$100 deposit due June 15, 2008

Checks payable to Holy Trinity / Sonflower CGS (note: Level I, Part I – Holy Trinity, 2008-2009)

Mail to: Holy Trinity CGS, 9150 Pflumm Road, Lenexa, KS 66215