



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children, 3-12 years of age, based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship.

Inspired by Montessori methodology, this catechetical approach was further developed by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. Their collaboration began in Rome in 1954, and led to the founding of the method now called, "The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd."

This method has become ecumenical and is used internationally by churches and schools.

The Level 1 course is the foundation for all three Levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3 to 6 year old child.
- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Montessori education.
- To broaden the catechist's ability to observe and learn from children, to listen with children to scripture, and to deepen the catechist's enjoyment of God's presence.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the "atrium" environment, making the catechists' album and designing catechetical material.
- To meditate on the scriptural and liturgical themes presented to the 3 to 6 year old child.

LEVEL I FORMATION LEADERS

Carol Dittberner, M. A., has been a Montessori educator since 1974. She has been involved in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 25 years and is presently Coordinator of Catechesis at St. Frances Cabrini Community in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Carol has been a recognized trainer for the National Association since 1990 and is qualified to do formation at all three atrium levels. She has worked with the Catechesis in Australia, New Zealand, Trinidad, Uganda and Uzbekistan.

Kathleen Shea: Montessori Trained for Level 1. CGS trained for Level 1, 2 & 3. Recognized trainer for CGS, Level 1, in 2016. Working in a Level 1 Atrium for 20 years. Building and working in St Jerome Level 1 & 2 Atriums presently.

CERTIFICATION

The National Association certificate will be issued upon completion of the course. This certificate honors your full attendance and participation in the full course. The \$35.00 certificate fee is included in the tuition.

TO REGISTER

Please tear off and send a completed registration form (at right) with a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit fee (which will be applied to your tuition) by **May 19th, 2017.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to:

St Jerome Catholic Parish
Attention: Cathy Marjamaa
995 S. Silver Lake St
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

You will receive a letter confirming your registration

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE (DAYTIME) _____

PHONE (EVENING) _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH/SCHOOL _____

DENOMINATION _____

Check if member of National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Members will receive a \$50 discount from tuition.

Please include a brief paragraph about your interest in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and your previous work with children.

