

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi over fifty years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread world-wide and is used with adaptation in various Christian traditions.

The Level III course builds upon the foundation of the Level I and Level II courses. This course will continue to ground the participant in the theory and praxis of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd while also concretely preparing her/him to develop and facilitate an atrium for 9-12 year old children. At the successful completion of the course the participant will receive the certificate issued by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the Level III Catechist honoring 110 hours of work.

The focus of level III is the Plan of God throughout Salvation History. Themes explored include typological studies from the Hebrew Scriptures, the History of Israel, and more in-depth work with all the Sacraments. Newly developed presentations include the Cardinal Virtues and a study of the Miracles of Jesus.

Conducted within a prayerful environment, this formation course will include presentations available to the 9-12 year old child over the three year cycle. This course will offer guidelines and assistance for making the catechists' Level III album.

Course Objectives:

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 9-12 year old child.
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 9-12 year old child.
- To delve into the mystery of God's covenant relationship with us through Sacred History.
- To meditate on Biblical typology linking Old and New Testament scripture to Sacred History and Liturgy
- To reflect on Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick
- To study the prayers of the Eucharistic liturgy.
- To discuss the basis of this work in the Roman Catholic tradition but include an awareness of material adaptations in the Episcopal tradition.
- To help the catechist engage the 9-12 year old in the work of the Level III atrium.

The \$35 certificate fee is included in tuition for the course. It is also strongly encouraged that participants join the National Association, if they have not already done so. \$35 annual fee.

Further information on National Association membership will be given at the beginning of the course or can be obtained from the National Association web-site: www.cgsusa.org

Course Expectations/Recommendations:

- Attendance at all sessions
- Observation in an upper elementary Montessori classroom
- Observation in a 9-12 atrium

In order to participate in the level III course for certification one must have completed both a level I and level II course.

Those who wish to audit the course without receiving certification are also welcome to participate.

Preparation for the Course:

Required Texts:

Cavalletti, Sofia. *Religious Potential of the Child 6-12 Years Old*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2002 (RPC II)

_____. *History's Golden Thread: The History of Salvation*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1999. (HGT)

_____. *Living Liturgy*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1998. (LL)

All required texts are available through the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, P.O. 1084, Oak Park, IL 60304 (708-524-1210 or www.cgsusa.org.) Other readings and resources will be recommended during the course.

Class Location:

Sessions will be held in the Atria at Immaculate Conception, located in the trailers across from the Worship Space. (see Orientation Packet for details)

Snacks, meals and lodging:

The course will include morning snacks for Saturday sessions. Friday evening a meal will be available (\$5 per person). Participants will be responsible for other meals. There are many restaurants near campus. For lodging information please E-mail Lynne Worthington: mizlyn@bellsouth.net

Financial Aid:

Financial hardship is never a reason to avoid formation! Please inquire for other scholarship opportunities and payment options!

The National Association of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers financial assistance for those in need.

The Diocese of Raleigh also has a scholarship fund for catechetical formation: www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/lay/training/pearl_streb_fund.aspx

Contact Lynne Worthington by E-mail: mizlyn@bellsouth.net for more information.

Registration Form

Please return by Sept. 15, 2010 to:
Immaculate Conception Church
Attn: Rick Kinsey
716A Burch Ave
Durham, NC 27701

Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Phone

Email

Parish or School

Level I course

Level II course

Course fee: \$500.00

Registration fee: \$50

Registration fee will be waived for members of
the National Association of the CGS.

Amount enclosed: _____

The Formation Team

Lynne Worthington, Formation Leader: Lynne is now in her 26rd year as a catechist for children and adults at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Durham, NC. She is certified as a catechist in all three levels of CGS and is recognized as a formation leader by the National Association of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

She is currently enrolled in a Master of Pastoral Studies degree program through Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. The degree program was designed for catechists of CGS and focuses on going deeper in the various themes of Catechesis. She is hoping to complete the program in 2012. She is recognized as a Master Catechist by the Diocese of Raleigh in North Carolina.

At Immaculate Conception Lynne is the coordinator for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Faith Formation process for both Immaculata School and for the parish. She presently works with children ages 3-12 and in catechist formation.

Rick Kinsey, Course Coordinator: Rick is the Director of Faith Formation at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Durham NC. He is an experienced catechist with certification in all levels of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. He has been recognized as a formation leader for Level II and will assist with the Level III course.

For more information please contact:

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Lynne Worthington: mizlyn@bellsouth.net

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Level III Formation Course
For work with the 9-12 Year Old Child



2010 – 2012

Sessions will be held:

Friday evenings from 6 PM to 9 PM

Saturdays from 9 AM to 5 PM

Oct. 1 & 2, 2010

Nov. 5 & 6, 2010

Feb. 4 & 5, 2011

March 4 & 5, 2011

April 15 & 16, 2011

June 3 & 4, 2011

5 additional sessions TBA
for 2011/12

Immaculate Conception Church
Durham, NC

In cooperation with the National Association
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