

# The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



A Formation Course Hosted by  
**The Cathedral of All Souls**  
9 Swan Street  
Asheville, NC 28803

The contemplative teaching method of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) invites us to journey with the child toward fullness of life in Christ. During the course we will hear, ponder, and celebrate the essential mysteries of the Christian life and how those mysteries are experienced even by the youngest among us. The course is open to adults who wish to deepen their understanding of scripture, liturgy, and the sacraments of the church, and to ponder what Jesus means when he tells us that we must become like a little child to enter the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 18:2-4)

## **The course will offer...**

- Small group reflection on the biblical and liturgical themes outlined in the syllabus
- Time for personal spiritual formation and development in prayer
- Discussion on Montessori's understanding of the Human Person (especially the developmental characteristics religious nature, needs and capacity of the child)
- An introduction into the theory and praxis of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- All presentations needed for the development and facilitation of the Level I atrium
- Guidelines for material making, preparing an album

**Location and Schedule...**The course will meet at the Cathedral of All Souls, monthly from April 2024 through November 2024 (with 2 additional dates to be determined)

## **DATES:**

**Saturdays:** April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16

TIME 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

The atrium is reserved until 6:00 pm on course days. The time from 5:00 - 6:00 may be used for practicum (material making, album page writing, and presentation practice). We will have a variety of materials on hand for your use (e.g. card stock, calligraphy pens, sculpey, etc.) The “work of the hand” is an important component of the Montessori method, providing an opportunity to integrate all that is learned.

**“...the birth of a religious person occurs through the enjoyment of God’s love.”**

Sofia Cavalletti  
*The Good Shepherd and the Child, a Joyful Journey*

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One Course Requirements and Registration

**Certification:** Participants are eligible for certification as a level I catechist by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. To receive certification one is expected to attend course sessions, read assigned texts, and participate in discussions. Those seeking certification are also asked to spend a significant period of time observing in Montessori/atrium environments.

### Required texts for the course:

- *The Religious Potential of the Child* by Sofia Cavalletti
- *The Good Shepherd & the Child: A Joyful Journey*, rev. and updated, by Sofia Cavalletti, et al

These texts are sold on the [cgsusa.org](http://cgsusa.org) website and on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

Materials manual is available online to members of the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd only. You may register for membership at <https://www.cgsusa.org/members/cgsregister.aspx>

### Suggested Materials:

- Holy Bible
- 2-3 inch binder is needed for your personal album. Tabbed page dividers and page protectors are helpful.

### Formation Leader:

**Micki Hill** has her Masters in Pastoral Studies/CGS from Aquinas Institute of Theology and is certified in all levels of the CGS method with additional Montessori certification for Infant/Toddler and Primary ages. She is a recognized Formation Leader and member of the Episcopal Committee for The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Micki serves on staff at the Cathedral of All Souls as Dean's Assistant for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

### Tuition and Registration...

- Tuition for entire course is \$350.00 per participant. Enrollment fee of \$100.00 is due on first day.
- Make check payable to the Cathedral of All Souls (For: CGS training)
- Fee is waived for Cathedral of All Souls volunteers.
- Limited funds will not prevent you from taking this course. Please speak with Micki for assistance.

### Registration Form—Level I

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return with \$100.00 enrollment fee to:

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