
Formation Leader:
Celine Mitchell,
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Celine is a Master Catechist in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and an international CGS formation leader. She has led courses for the Missionaries of Charity in the Russian & Caribbean Regions, in Brazil & San Francisco.

She began the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at several parishes and has assisted numerous parishes in starting CGS in the Pittsburgh diocese and internationally.

Celine and her husband Bob have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

“Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is not simply a set of techniques or special materials, but it is the spiritual formation of the catechist/educator as a servant of God’s Word....”

Level I Formation Course for Working
with Three–Six Year Olds

Part 1 June 11-16
Part 2 August 13-18
Sunday’s noon-6:00
all other days 9-4:30

Tuition is \$400 for full course which includes registration, books, course materials and certificate.
\$50 deposit due w/registration due by May 8, 2017
Balance due the first day of class.

Out of town participants can contact South Shore Inn, 2047 Cleveland Road W, Sandusky 419-626-4436 to reserve a double bed room for \$50.00 a night.

Location of Hosting Atrium:

Holy Angels Church
428 Tiffin Ave., Sandusky, OH
419-625-3698




The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Summer 2017 Level I Formation

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Part 2 August 13-18
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Catholic Parishes of Sandusky
510 Columbus Ave.
Sandusky, OH 44870*

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419-625-7500 ext. 2016



The Aims of the Course are:

- To explore the general development characteristics and the most vital religious needs of the 3-6 year old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 year old as provided by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi. This also includes scriptural meditations for sacramental preparation.
- To further the catechist's ability to observe and learn from the elementary age child and nurture, with sensitivity, the child's spirituality.
- To offer guidelines to participants in preparing the Atrium environment, making the catechist's album and materials for the Level I Atrium.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation experience for children ages 3-12 years old. It is based upon the belief that young children can and do experience God. Founded on the principles of Maria Montessori, the catechesis is rooted in scripture and liturgy. Central to the catechesis is the atrium, a special environment created to nurture the child's spirituality with beautiful materials that focus the child's attention on key scripture passages or liturgical moments. Children grow in their relationship with the Good Shepherd through Gospel proclamations using the parable method, through prayer, singing, silence, and by exploring liturgical events. Hands-on materials [made by catechists and parish members] are used to help children and adults reflect together upon the great mysteries of the faith.

The catechesis began in Rome in 1954 with the approval of the bishops of Rome, including Pope John Paul II. Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori teacher, developed the catechesis through observing and working with children. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can be found in parishes and schools throughout the world.

Inspired to grow in love and respect for the mystery of the love of God and the child, the catechist is invited through this formation to be a matchmaker for God and the child, both scientist and saint, in the Montessori tradition. The catechist seeks to "Let the children come to Jesus," knowing that as adults we must "turn and become like children."

Registration Form—CGS Level I Formation Course for working with Three-Six Year Olds

Summer of 2017

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Parish: _____

Make checks payable to St. Mary's Church

Mail to: Deb Geason

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