

The Catechesis Of the Good Shepherd



Level Three (9-12) Catechist Formation Course

Two Sessions
Late Summer, 2015
Early Summer, 2016

St. Robert Bellarmine
214 E. Henry Street
Flushing, MI 48433

Course Logistics

The course will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, in Flushing, Michigan. The facilities allow for both classroom space and access to a full 9-12 atrium. The format of the course will be Part I: 8 days in August 2015 and Part II: 8 days in June, 2016. Course days begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end about 5:00 p.m. Sunday class will meet from 1:00 -5:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided on all days.

Course Dates

Part I - 2015:

Thursday, August 20th through
Thursday, August 27th

Part II - 2016:

Thursday, June 2nd through
Thursday, June 9th

Course Leader

Donna Turner

For More Information

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish/School
Affiliation : _____

When/Where did you complete Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd courses for:

Level I : _____

Level II : _____

Do you currently serve in an atrium? If so,
where? At what level?

Please make checks or money orders
payable to St. Robert Bellarmine (attn. 9-
12 Training).

Send registration form with \$100 deposit by
July 1, 2015, to:

Elaine Baur, DRE
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About the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, “hands-on” environment for children called an *atrium*, in which both the children and the catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the Scriptures and Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi in 1954, the Catechesis has since spread worldwide. Though Roman Catholic in its origin it is now adapted to be used in several denominations.

Catechist Formation

There are three levels of training for those interested in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Level 1 – for children ages 3-6; Level 2 – for ages 6-9 and Level 3 – for ages 9-12. Each level involves approximately 100 hours of meditations, presentations, and album page assistance. It also includes some observation time in an atrium. At the end of this course, the participants will receive certification for Level 3 from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. (www.cgsusa.org)

9-12 Course Objectives

- To explore the general developmental and religious characteristics of the 9 – 12 year old child
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the Level 3 child with a focus on sacred history, sacraments, moral formation, and the typology studies.
- To offer guidelines and assistance to catechists for setting up an atrium for 9-12 year olds, preparing an album, and making materials
- To deepen participants’ ability to observe and learn from children
- To aide in the formation of a community of catechists

The Formation Leader

Donna Turner has been a Formation Leader for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 2001. A catechist since 1994, she has experienced working with children and training at all three levels of CGS. She is a Level III catechist at St. Philip Episcopal Church in Memphis, TN and at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Dyersburg, TN. Donna serves on the National Association of CGS Formation Committee, Level III Materials Manual Team, and the Episcopal and Roman Missal, 3rd Edition Adaptions Committees.

Tuition and Texts

The tuition for the entire course that spans two sessions is \$700. This may be paid in two payments of \$350 for Part I and \$350 for Part II. The tuition includes a \$35 registration fee required by the National Association of the Good Shepherd.

There are three required course texts by Sofia Cavalletti:

The Religious Potential of the Child 6-12 Years Old (RPC II)

The History of the Kingdom of God: From Creation to Parousia Part 1

The History of the Kingdom of God: Liturgy and the Building of the Kingdom Part 2

These texts can be ordered from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. An order form may be obtained from their web site: www.cgsusa.org. Phone 708-524-1210. Texts can also be purchased from Liturgical Training Publications at www.ltp.org.