

The Course

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is based on the method begun by Dr. Maria Montessori and further developed by Scripture and Hebrew scholar Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Montessori teacher Gianna Gobbi.

This course provides training for catechists working with children 3 to 6 years of age and all who are interested in the spiritual development of the young child are welcome. The course is approved by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and is applicable toward certification after Part Two is completed. The course will address:

- ⊙ the developmental and religious nature and needs of the 3-6 year old child
- ⊙ those aspects of God and the Kingdom of God that most greatly strike the child's sense of wonder and enjoyment of God
- ⊙ participants in developing a personal catechist's album of presentations
- ⊙ first steps in material making

The course will include prayer, scriptural and liturgical background to the themes and materials of the program, and their use with the children throughout the cycle of the liturgical year.

Certification from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be awarded after the completion of Level I, Part II, observation in an Atrium, and approved course work.

Individual album pages will be the responsibility of the catechist trainee and will be checked by the formation leader.

Dates

Level I, Part I

⊙ **June 1-4, 6-8, 2011**

9:15 am - 4:00 pm

Level I, Part II

⊙ **June 5-9, 2012**

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Level I, Part II

Course Fees \$425

If you attended Level I Part I in 2011, you are automatically included in the Level I Part II roster. If you have taken Part I elsewhere and are joining us for Part II, please fill out and mail in the attached Application form.

Level I Course Fees: \$850 Total*

****John XXIII MCC staff and parents eligible to attend at discounted rates - for more information contact Laura@john23mcc.org***

Topics Covered

- ⊙ Prayer
- ⊙ Introduction to the Life of the Church
- ⊙ The Mystery of Incarnation
- ⊙ The Mystery of the Kingdom of God
- ⊙ Christ as the Good Shepherd
- ⊙ The Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd
- ⊙ The Pascal Mystery
- ⊙ The Liturgical Signs and Gestures of Baptism and Eucharist
- ⊙ Celebrations of the 3 principle Feasts: Christmas, Easter, & Pentecost

Formation Leader

Rebekah Rojcewicz has been a catechist of the Good Shepherd and a CGS Formation Leader for 30 years and is additionally a trained Montessori Directress. She received her Catechist Certificate from the Diocese of Rome after studying with Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi for two years. Rebekah has translated several of Sofia's and Gianna's works including *History's Golden Thread*, *Listening to God with Children*, and *The Religious Potential of the Child*. Rebekah was editor and principal author of *Baptism is a Beginning*. Currently she serves on the Executive Committee of the International Council of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and is Co-Director of the Good Shepherd Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Catechist Formation Course

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level I

with Rebekah Rojcewicz

Sponsored by
John XXIII Montessori Children's Center
and Renaissance Montessori School



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Sponsors

Sponsored by John XXIII Montessori
Children's Center, Front Royal, VA,
and Renaissance Montessori School,
Manassas, VA.

Location

Classes will be held at Renaissance
Montessori School, 8730 Sudley Rd,
Manassas, VA.

More Information

Contact: Laura Accettullo
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E-mail: laura@john23mcc.org

Financial Aid

Financial aid may be available from
the National Association of the Cat-
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more information:

CGS National Office
(708) 524-1210
E-mail: cgs@cgsusa.org
Website: www.cgsusa.org

Application for Level I, Part II Formation Course

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Name:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Parish:

Religious Affiliation (optional):

Background: On a second piece of paper, please tell us something about yourself and
your work with children. I'm interested in child care.

Send application with \$150 deposit to RMS, PO Box 10043, Manassas VA 20108