



Registration Form

**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
WNC Levels I & II
Intensive Formation Courses
2010-11**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Level I _____ Level II _____

Church: _____

Formation Course Tuition: \$600

A deposit of \$200 per person due by April 30, 2010

Amount enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to:

Church of the Holy Family

Memo line: CGS course

Mail check and registration form to:

Micki Hill

P. O. Box 245

Horseshoe, NC 28742

Attn: CGS Formation Course

Formation Team

Level I

Anna Hurdle, formation leader

Anna Hurdle is a Montessori teacher and catechist who is recognized to lead formation courses at all levels. She serves the National Association on the formation committee, Episcopal adaptations and the materials editorial board. Anna coordinates the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, NC.

Claudia Frias-Garces

served as a catechist for 8 years at St. Mary's Parish in Spring Lake, MI and was also involved in religious formation for migrant families using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is trained in all three levels and is currently establishing an atrium at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, serving both the Anglo and Hispanic communities in Arden, NC. Claudia is in discernment to become a nationally certified formation leader.

Level 2

Lynne Worthington, formation leader

Lynn begins her 26th year as a catechist for children and adults at Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish in Durham, NC; where she is the coordinator for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Faith Formation process for both Immaculata School and for the parish. Since 1991 she has taken part in National Formation courses for the CGS, earning her certification as catechist for all three levels, ages 3-12 years old. She presently works with children ages 3-12 and in catechist formation.

Micki Hill

is a catechist trained in all three levels of CGS. She serves in the atria at Church of the Holy Family in Mills River and at La Capilla de Santa Maria in Hendersonville, NC. Micki chairs the Christian Formation Steering Committee for the Episcopal Diocese of Western NC. and is in discernment to become a nationally certified formation leader.

Course Chaplain

Genelda Woggon, formation leader

Genelda is trained in all levels of the catechesis and is a nationally certified formation leader. She serves as the Catechesis Consultant for the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina and is currently coordinating Atrium life for the Sunday morning and After School Ecumenical work at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Asheville, NC.

**The Catechesis
of the
Good Shepherd**



**Level I and Level II
Intensive Formation Courses**

for adults working with children
ages 3-6 (Level I)
or
ages 6-9 (Level II)

**Summer of 2010:
Sunday, June 27-Saturday, July 3
and
Summer of 2011:
Sunday, June 26-Saturday, July 2**

at
Church of the Holy Family
Mills River, NC
7 miles from Asheville Regional Airport

A Vision for Children

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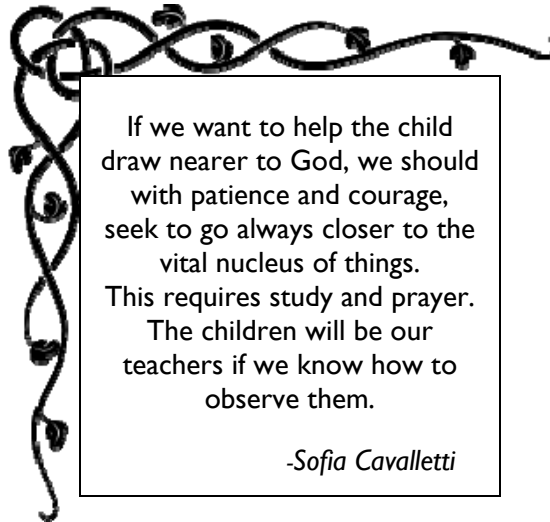
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a method of Christian faith formation for children ages 3 through 12 in which they experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God.

The vision for this faith experience began in 1954 by two Roman Catholic women: Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew and Scripture scholar, and her colleague, Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori trained educator, in Rome, Italy

In working with young children, Dr. Cavalletti found that they have vital religious needs. Children desire to draw near to God but need the sensitive guidance of the adult and the inner guidance of the Holy Spirit to nurture this relationship in a sacred space.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is grounded in scriptural and liturgical study framed by Montessori principles of education. The children explore the Gospel through the use of sensorially rich materials. The children work with materials that represent essential proclamations of the Christian message.

The adult prepares the sacred space for the children, called the atrium, so that they are invited to respond to a relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The atrium is a place of community and worship rather than a classroom for academic study. It is a place to be with God, enjoy God, listen to Holy Scripture, and to pray.



If we want to help the child draw nearer to God, we should with patience and courage, seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The children will be our teachers if we know how to observe them.

-Sofia Cavalletti

~ Tuition & Course Details ~

The courses will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday and end at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. Course time includes presentations, observation, group discussion and time for individual work. Lunch will be available for purchase every day. Upon registration we will send you the course syllabus, a reading list and a list of nearby accommodations.

Tuition is \$600.00 which includes:

*Approximately 100 hours of training, resulting in certification as a catechist

*Course Certificate

*Membership in the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

We do not want financial difficulty to prevent anyone from participating in the course. If you need financial assistance, please contact Patty Mouer at stlukeschurch@charter.net

The **Level I and Level II courses** will meet simultaneously at Church of the Holy Family.

Completion of a Level I course is required for participation in Level II.

The objectives of the courses include

- ~To present the guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as they pertain to the 3-6 or 6-9 year old child;
- ~To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3-6 year old or the 6-9 year old child;
- ~To meditate on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 and the 6-9 year old;
- ~To broaden the ability to observe and learn from children's spirituality;
- ~To offer guidelines and assistance for compiling the catechist's album, preparing the atrium, and making materials for use in the atrium

Questions?

Contact Micki Hill
Course Coordinator
at micki@ourholymfamily.org