

Time:

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Level IIb Dates:

July 17-22, 2023

Location:

St. Pius X in Appleton

Tuition:

Level IIb: \$200

Send registration information to:

St. Pius X Parish
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Questions:

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Course Description

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi fifty years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread worldwide. This second cycle of the Catechesis is designed to meet the developmental needs of the 6-9 year old child. The fundamentals of our faith, presented in Level I, are built upon and deepened. New themes are introduced at this level corresponding to the child's heightened sense of morality and developing ability to think abstractly. This course will give particular focus to preparing children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, especially during Part II.

Course Objectives

- To explore the most vital religious needs and the general developmental characteristics of the 6-9 year old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 6-9 year old as provided by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi.
- To further the catechist's ability to observe and learn from the elementary age child.
- To offer guidance and assistance in preparing the atrium, making the catechist's album, and materials for the Level II atrium.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**Level IIb****(July 17-22, 2023)****Registration Form****Please write checks payable to St. Pius X**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home Parish/City: _____

Denomination: _____

E-mail: _____

Level I completion date: _____

Intended Use: (Are you taking this training in order to help minister at your home parish / school / for personal formation / etc.)

What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy.

God and the Child

CGS is based on the belief that God and the child are already in relationship. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and God to come together and grow.

The Atrium and Materials

The atrium is a specially prepared room where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The atrium is prepared with materials that children work with as a way of meditating upon the essentials of our faith found in Scripture and in liturgy. Examples of materials found in the atrium include small clay figures of Jesus and the disciples used to meditate on the Last Supper; detailed interactive maps of the Land of Israel and the City of Jerusalem to help situate Jesus as a real person in time; Jerusalem Mustard Seeds and beautiful pearls to help ponder the Parables of the Kingdom of God; and a small Baptismal font and Paschal candle used to explore the significance of Baptism.

Formation Leader

Carolyn Kohlhaas is a nationally recognized Formation Leader for CGS at all three levels of formation. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and in Religious Education from Franciscan University of Steubenville and both her AMI Primary and Elementary Level Certifications from the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota. Carolyn works with area parishes in their implementation of CGS.

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"If God is presented to the child through tangible and meaningful activities, it will do more for the child than just arouse interest; it will create in the child a sense of joy, admiration, and wonder."

~Maria Montessori

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Level IIb Formation Course

**For catechists working
with children ages 6-9**