

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Registration Form

Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.
Class size is limited, so please register early.

IMPORTANT:

One registration form must be completed for **each participant**.

Registrants should confirm billing arrangement with parish or school prior to registration.

You are not registered until payment is received.

Please make cheque payable to **Office of Catechetics**.

Request for refunds must be phoned in or emailed and received by **March 9, 2012** TO: PHONE: 604-683-0281 EMAIL: ocregistration@rcav.org

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| Parish or School Name | | Please Circle Parish / School |
| Registrant's Last Name: | | |
| Registrant's First Name: | | |
| Mailing Address: | | |
| City: | Postal Code: | |
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| Day Phone: | Other Phone: | |
| Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - LEVEL 1, PART 1 - TUITION | | \$300 |
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| PLEASE CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT OPTIONS | | |
| PAYMENT IN MAIL | BILL PARISH | BILL SCHOOL |
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About the Catechist Instructors



Susan Perna

Susan is a founding member of the board for the Canadian Association for The Catechesis of The Good Shepherd and serves as a co-formation director. She began her journey with The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd over 30 years ago and has been trained by its founders. She opened and directed the Atrium at St Benedict Parish, Toronto for 20 years, serving hundreds of children and has been instrumental in opening more Atrium. She delights in training adults to become catechists knowing that each adult trained means that even more children will have the chance to experience this work.



Nancy Wood

Nancy is a recognized formation leader by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Canadian Association and has given numerous formation courses. She is Montessori trained and has a MA in Pastoral Ministry from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. She established the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Winnipeg, Manitoba and has been working in this method for 20 years

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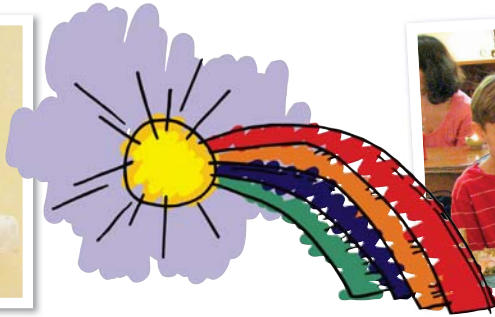
Training - Level 1, Part 1

A formation experience for adults
working with young children
ages 3 to 6 years old,
in parish or school setting.

March 17 - 24, 2012

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

10460 139TH Street, Surrey B.C.



Introduction

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a program of Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12. It is based on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori and on the understanding that there is a deep bond between God and each child which produces in the child the desire to draw near to God.

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the classroom, called the atrium, is a spiritual environment - a place of worship rather than a traditional classroom. It is perceived as 'holy ground' where Christ may be encountered in Word and Action; a place for community and worship where the spiritual life of the child is nurtured; and a place of work that becomes prayer and conversation with God. It is a prepared environment where children grow in the knowledge of Jesus and His love. The work in the atrium prepares them for involvement in the larger worshipping community.

The hands-on materials in the atrium encourage children to explore and deepen their experiences at their own pace. The children are free to work with materials that represent the essence of the Christian message. The adult's role is to prepare the environment; present works that call forth the child's response; then step back allowing God and the child to work together.

The vision for this faith experience began in Rome in 1954 with Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew Scripture scholar and her co-worker, Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. It has now spread internationally.

Today, this vision can be a reality for the children in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Help us to make it happen!

The Training

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd requires training for adults for each level.

- Level I is for children ages 3-6
- Level II is for children ages 6-9
- Level III is for children ages 9-12

Each level of training requires at least 90 hours of training sessions with the following features: lectures, prayer reflections, observations, lesson presentations, materials making, discussions and planning.

Your Invitation

- WHAT:** Level I - Part 1 Formation Training - 45 hours total
Part 2 will be offered at a later date
- WHEN:** March 17 - 24, 2012
- TIME:** 9:30AM - 4:30PM daily, except on
March 18 (Sunday) 1:00PM - 4:30PM
- WHERE:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
10460 139th Street, Surrey, B.C.
- NOTES:** A. Bring your own mug and lunch
B. Daily Mass at 9:00AM



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Sofia Cavalletti



Course Description

The Level I course is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It aims to prepare the adults to work, to listen and to learn with children. The participants will be prepared to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year olds.