

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Course Fees:

Participants: * \$200 for each part (I and II)

Certificate \$ 35

Book Fee see list

National Membership (optional) \$40

Tuition \$200* due by August 1, 2011.

***Half-price for participants who will be a weekly assistant at OMC 2011-2012. In-class and maintenance assistants needed.**

Checks payable to OMC Parish, 7 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue, Phila.PA 19118

Required Books

*The Religious Potential of the Child(I)** \$25

*The Good Shepherd and the Child, A Joyful Journey ** \$15

*Listening to God with Children ** \$14

Level 1 Materials Manual (MM) \$35

(one **MM** per parish or group needed: not available until you are officially registered in course))

*Living Liturgy** \$11

*The CGS in a Parish Setting** \$9

Order from www.cgsusa.org. You are welcome to share '*' books with a nearby course participant.

Betsy Puntel is a certified CGS catechist for Levels I, II and III with experience with children in all three levels: in Parish PREP programs, schools and homeschool coops. She is currently a CGS catechist for Pre-K, K, 1 and 2 at Our Mother of Consolation School, Phila. She is recognized by the National Association as a formation leader for Levels I and II.

Together with her husband of 35+ years she has raised six children and has 4 grandchildren.

She has done extensive CGS work with the Missionaries of Charity, both as a co-catechist in their atrium in Norristown and formation leader for the Sisters at home and abroad.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level 1 Formation for work
with the 3 – 6 year old child

OMC Parish School
Atrium of Consolation



COURSE FOR CERTIFICATION BY
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FORMATION LEADER: BETSY PUNTEL

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

assists the faith formation for children ages 3 to 12 years old. It is based upon the belief that young children can and do experience God. Founded on the principles of Maria Montessori, the catechesis is rooted in scripture and liturgy. Central to the catechesis is the atrium, a special environment created to nurture the child's spirituality with beautiful materials that focus the child's attention on key scripture passages or liturgical moments. Children grow in their relationship with the Good Shepherd through Gospel proclamations using the parable method, through prayer, singing, silence, and by exploring liturgical events. Hands-on materials (made by catechists and parish members) are used in each presentation to assist the child to continue their meditation on the proclamation. Time for the child to work allows Christ, the Inner Teacher, to teach. The catechist serves the mystery of God and the child and listens to God with the children.

The catechesis began in Rome in 1954. Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori teacher, developed the catechesis through observing and working with children. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can be found in parishes and schools throughout the world, and is growing in the Philadelphia area.

The Course

The aims of the course are:

- * To explore the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- * To explore the religious nature and most vital religious needs of the 3 to 6 year old child
- * To meditate on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 3 to 6 year old child
- * To further develop the ability to observe and learn from children, to listen with children to the scripture, and **to enjoy the presence of God**
- * To offer aid to participants in preparing an Atrium environment, and in creating the participant's album lessons.

CGS Level I, Part I, August 2011

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday
August 4,5,6; August 11,12,13
and one Saturday (TBD) Feb., 2011
9AM-4:30 PM**

Part II: six dates August, 2012 and perhaps one Saturday in October, 2012

As Sr. Etienne, MC, said as she finished the Level I course in Riga, Latvia: *"This course is catechesis! It is evangelization! It is adult formation!
And it is for big people, too!"*

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a gift for every child, no matter what the culture, language and family background. Come and see!

Listen! Do you hear Him calling you?

- To grow in spiritual childhood
- To be an assistant in CGS
- To become a CGS catechist
- To better listen to God with children?

Questions?: betsy@cgsvoice-phila.org

CHECK out our website and blog:
www.cgsvoice-phila.org
and www.cgsvoice-phila.org/blog

"I have come that they may have life, and life to the full."
John 10:10