

Registration Information

Family Surname: _____

Child's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Mom's Name: _____

Dad's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone or Cell #: _____

Allergies: _____

Special Needs: _____

Please make your cheque payable to Holy Redeemer Parish.

Accounting Use: _____

Date Received: _____

Cheque #: _____ or Cash _____

Amount paid: \$ _____

Date of Parent Contact: _____



CGS Level 1 Catechists (2016-17):

Norma Dawes

Anita Kuriakose

Suzanne Sheppard

Patti Hendricks (on sabbatical)

Fees:

- \$50.00 per family at registration/year.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

(Level 1 - Ages 3-6 years)

Commencing Sunday, October 2nd, 2016

1 PM to 3 PM



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What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

"The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a child-centered, child-directed, soundly traditional method of introducing children to the mystery of God. It nourishes the religious needs and capacities of all children regardless of culture or background."

- Cardinal Ambrozic, Former Archbishop of Toronto

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children that is based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship. We present age appropriate themes from the Bible and liturgy using manipulative materials that the children work with to internalize and ponder the great mysteries of our faith.

The program was developed by Italian Hebrew scripture scholar, Sofia Cavalletti sixty years ago. The teaching method is Montessori.

The catechesis seeks to give children the guidance and vocabulary that enables them to become aware of their relationship with God and give expression to it.

The Atrium:

In the CGS, 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. Each atrium is specially designed with child-sized furniture including a prayer table for gathering, a model altar, as well as materials to deepen their familiarity with more parables and the Mass itself.

The atrium is a calm and peaceful place where time seems to slow down. Children and catechists listen to God together through silence, scripture, liturgy, song, formal and informal prayer, ordinary practical life exercises, and movement. In this setting, and given the opportunity, children often reveal profound things about God that no one has ever told them. The materials and movement are an aid to their reflections on scripture and liturgy and their rich relationship with God.

