

## WHAT IS THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

Beginning in 1954, in Rome, Italy, Sofia Cavalletti and her colleague, Montessorian Gianna Gobbi, developed an approach to faith formation that not only appealed to the profound religious intuition of younger and older children, but also evolved from the children themselves.

The **National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** was formed in 1984 in North America with its purpose as “involving adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood are predominate.”

The **SonFlower Region of CGS** incorporated in 2008 and serves catechists and atri in the state of Kansas and the Kansas City, Mo., metro area.

Focusing on God’s unconditional love through the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Level I catechist formation course is based on the conviction that God and the child are in a covenant relationship. It is the foundation for the Catechesis in general and for the 3- to 6-year-old child in particular.

This course, comprising two parts, gives the background formation as well as the skills to create a prepared environment and to offer presentations that enable the child and catechist to draw nearer to God. Spiritual reflection is inherent in the course.

A prerequisite for registering for Part 2 is completion of the first part of Level I formation.

**\*\* The SonFlower Region reserves the right to cancel a course if an enrollment of 17 is not met by the registration deadline. In such case, all tuition fees paid will be refunded to the registered participants.**



## LEVEL I, PART 2 COURSE NO. 1-1305

### DATES AND SCHEDULE

Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, 2017  
Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 24, April 21, 2018  
Sessions are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Father Quigley Formation Center  
9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS 66215

Enter through the north door, by the Adoration Chapel.  
Take stairs to second floor; turn into first hallway on left. An elevator is available through the south entrance.

### TUITION / REGISTRATION

Tuition for Part 2.....\$350

A nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of **\$100 is due by Sept. 9, 2017.** Tuition balance of \$250 is due by the **first day of class.**

Send completed registration and \$100 deposit to:

Ms. Jo Thornley Cox  
SonFlower Region of CGS  
6915 N. Woodland Ave.  
Gladstone, MO 64118-2847

Applications for financial aid may be requested through the National Association at [www.CGSUSA.org](http://www.CGSUSA.org), the SonFlower Region at [www.CGSKsMo.org](http://www.CGSKsMo.org), or the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan., at [www.archkck.org](http://www.archkck.org).

## FORMATION LEADERS

**Diane Olsen** has been involved in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 1990. She is certified in Levels I, II, and III, being formed under nationally and internationally recognized leaders, and was recognized as a formation leader in 2002. She is co-director of CGS at Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, Kan. Diane has a philosophy and math degree from St. John’s College in Santa Fe, N.M., and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Mo. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother.

**Jo Thornley Cox** is certified in Levels I, II, and III of CGS and in Level I Leadership. She has been serving in SonFlower Region atri since 2002 and is CGS coordinator at St. Therese Parish/School in Kansas City, North, Mo. Jo has a bachelor of arts degree in French and humanities from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute, Ind., and earned a primary AMS Montessori certificate. She also taught in a Catholic school and was active in sacramental preparation in Duluth, Minn., and was a parish director of children’s faith formation in Kansas City. She and her husband have three children and one granddaughter.

For more information, contact:

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Registration for Course 1-1305  
Level I, Part 2  
2017-2018

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Registration form and \$100  
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