

## 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 atria 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 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, will give you the background formation as well as the skills to create a prepared environment, an atrium, and to offer presentations that enable the child to draw nearer to God.

*\*\* 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 1 COURSE NO. 1-1510

### DATES AND SCHEDULE

Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 2018  
Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 6, 2019  
*Sessions are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*  
Part 2 dates: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 2019  
Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 14, April 4, 2020

### LOCATION

Borromeo Academy  
804 N.E. Shady Lane Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64118

### TUITION / REGISTRATION

Tuition for Part 1.....\$350

A nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of **\$100 is due by Oct. 6, 2018.** 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) or through the SonFlower Region at [www.CGSKsMo.org](http://www.CGSKsMo.org). Include a copy of this brochure with your applications.

## FORMATION LEADER

*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 atria 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 has 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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Alicia Darnell  
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Registration for Course 1-1510-1  
Level I, Part 1  
2018-2019

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Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish \_\_\_\_\_

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Atrium \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration form and \$100  
nonrefundable and nontransferable  
deposit are due by Oct. 6, 2018, checks  
payable to SonFlower Region CGS (memo  
#1-1510-1).

Mail ALL payments to the course registrar:  
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